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**Cracker 'Solution'**

- A blanket ban on firecrackers imposed in Delhi-NCR in 2018.
- The bench asked if ban resulted in any tangible difference in AQI.
- The counsel says pollution levels remained "more or less the same".
- The CJI said that an absolute ban was "neither practical nor ideal".
- CJI bats for balanced solution to safeguard environment and livelihood.

# SC may allow green crackers in Delhi-NCR

## Reserves order on plea for nod to manufacture and sell fireworks

**ASHISH TRIPATHI**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday indicated that it may allow the use of green firecrackers during the Deepavali festival, but with a certain time duration.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran said a complete ban on bursting of fire crackers in Delhi-NCR is "neither practical nor ideal" as such restrictions were often violated, and balancing of equities is needed.

The court reserved its decision on a plea for sale and bursting of green firecrackers in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) during the upcoming Deepavali festival.

The court said it would most likely revisit the stay on the ban on green firecrackers after hearing a batch of pleas seeking permission to manufacture and sell "green" firecrackers in Delhi and the National Capital Region.

Before reserving the orders, the bench heard extensive arguments from various stakeholders, including the Centre, the Delhi government and NCR states, firecracker manufacturers, environmentalists and the amicus curiae.

### 'Balanced approach'

Mehta, appearing for the Centre, NCR states, urged the bench to adopt a "balanced approach" that protects both the right to livelihood of workers and the right of citizens to celebrate festivals, while ensuring adherence to environmental safeguards.

Vehicles move amid low visibility due to smog on Deepavali day in New Delhi. PTI FILE

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta urged the court to allow green firecrackers, between 8 am and 8 pm, on Christmas & New Year's Eve, between 11.45 pm and 12.30 am and for one hour on Gurpurab, and on other similar occasions.

Mehta made an additional request that the timings for bursting crackers during Deepavali and other festivals may be relaxed. "Let our children celebrate Deepavali with fervour at least for two days," he submitted.

He also said Delhi is home to people from diverse communities who celebrate at different times of the day.

Senior Advocate J Sai Deepak asked the court to pass an order and allow to include two hours in the morning as well.

On September 26, the court allowed the manufacturing of green firecrackers in Delhi, subject to the condition that they will not be sold in the Delhi-NCR, in view of the increasing level of pollution and deteriorating environmental conditions.

# Munambam land not Waqf property, says Kerala HC

**ARJUN RAGHUNATH**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

In a relief to over 600 families of the Munambam coastal area near Kochi, who have been facing the spectre of eviction owing to the Kerala Waqf Board (KWB)'s claim over their land, the Kerala High Court on Friday observed that the board's decision to declare the disputed land as Waqf was not legal.

A division bench of the HC made the observation while setting aside a single-bench order quashing the Kerala government's decision to constitute an inquiry commission to examine the Munambam land issue.

The bench refrained from issuing any orders quashing the Waqf board's order declaring the land in question as Waqf in 2019 as the case pertained to the appointment of the inquiry commission.

The division bench, comprising Justices S A Dharmadhikari and Syam Kumar V M, observed that the Munammbam land was a gift deed of 1950.

It also observed that the declaration of the land as Waqf could even be a land-grabbing attempt.

"The action of the KWB of declaring/ registering the subject property as a Waqf property through its declarations and orders issued in 2019 is bad in law on the grounds of being unreasonably delayed and having been issued in palpable violation of the provisions of the Waqf Acts 1954, 1984, and 1995 and resultantly non-enforceable," the court said.

The Munambam Bhoo Samrakshana Samithi (action council of Munamabam residents), whose members have been on an indefinite protest over the last 363 days, said the state government should take steps to restore the land owners' revenue rights in view of the HC observations.

The Munambam land row started in 2019 with the Waqf board staking claim over the land owned by around 610 families, citing that those were Waqf properties donated to the Farook College in Kozhikode by one Siddique Sait in 1950.

By 2022, the families were unable to pay land tax. Even as the government issued orders allowing them to pay tax, a forum under the banner Waqf Samrakshana Samithi (Waqf protection forum) moved court against the decision.

The issue garnered national attention after the Union government claimed the Waqf law amendments could bring relief to the people.

## India's sovereign AI model to be ready by February: Govt

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Union government on Friday announced that India's sovereign artificial intelligence model would be ready before the AI Impact Summit, scheduled for February.

Though India was a latecomer in AI, it scaled up its compute infrastructure rapidly with the deployment of 38,000 GPU (graphics processing unit) against the target of 10,000 units and building up its own foundational models, IT Secretary S Krishnan said.

"End of this year, we should have an entirely Indian foundational model. By the time of the India AI Summit, we should be able to launch India's sovereign model as well," Krishnan said at India Mobile Congress 2025.

The government has scheduled a two-day India AI Impact Summit 2026 on February 19 and February 20, 2026.

## JEE Main 2026: Exam body clears confusion on city allocation

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** In response to confusion regarding the JEE Main 2026 city selection process, the National Testing Agency (NTA) has issued a clarification.

It said the September 29 notice about document verification for JEE registration had no connection with the city or examination centre allocation.

"Candidates and parents are advised not to be misled by unverified information circulating in the online space and to consult only the official website of NTA for all information on NTA examinations," said the clarification, issued by the NTA director. In its notice, the NTA said it would conduct the JEE (Main) 2026 in two sessions — one in January and another in April.

Registration forms for the first session of JEE Main 2026 will be available from October on the official website (jeemain.nta.nic.in).

## SC refuses to consider plea on guidelines for WhatsApp

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday refused to consider a plea for pan-India guidelines for governing social media intermediaries with respect to suspension and blocking of accounts.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta asked the petitioner, "What is your fundamental right to have access to WhatsApp?"

The bench asked the petitioners why they approached the apex court directly with a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution. The court noted that the petitioners may approach the high court with their grievances.

# Cough-syrup deaths: SC nixes plea for CBI probe

## PIL dismissed after Solicitor General objects to it

**ASHISH TRIPATHI**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a PIL seeking a CBI investigation into and systemic reform in drug safety mechanisms in the wake of deaths of children in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, allegedly due to consumption of contaminated cough syrups.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and K Vinod Chandran dismissed the plea filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta objected to it, saying the petitioner read the newspaper and rushed to the court.

The bench, which was initially of the view that the notice should be issued, later dismissed it.

Mehta said he was not appearing for any state at the moment, but the seriousness with which states like Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh were taking actions could not be undermined. Moreover, there were proper law enforcement mechanisms in states, he said.

The bench asked Tiwari how many PILs he had filed so far in the top court. On being told that he had moved eight to 10 such pleas so far, the bench dismissed the instant petition.

The plea sought a court-monitored CBI probe into the incidents and urged the constitution of a National Judicial Commission or Expert Committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge.

The PIL also asked the top court for all pending FIRs and investigations concerning the deaths of children caused by cough syrups across states to be transferred to the CBI.

# MP court remands TN-based firm owner in 10-day police custody

**CHHINDWARA (MP), PTI:** Ranganathan Govindan, owner of Tamil Nadu-based Sresen Pharma that manufactured contaminated cough syrup 'Coldrif' linked to the deaths of more than 20 children in Madhya Pradesh, was on Friday remanded in 10-day police custody by a court here.

Ranganathan, who was held in the southern state on Thursday by a Special Investigative Team set up by the MP government, was produced before Additional Session Judge Gautam Gurjar in Parasia town after he was brought on transit remand from a Chennai court, SIT chief Jitendra Jaat said.

The court has remanded Ranganathan Govindan in 10-day police remand, Jaat told PTI. Additional collector Dhirendra Singh Netri maintained that so far 22 children have died because of "contaminated" Coldrif syrup.

These children, from Chhindwara and other districts, died due to suspected kidney failure, which is linked to the consumption of 'toxic' Coldrif cough syrup, as per officials, adding that some children from the state are undergoing treatment in Nagpur in neighbouring Maharashtra.

Ranganathan Govindan, owner of Sresen Pharma, being taken to a court for a hearing in Chhindwara on Friday. PTI

The factory in which the cough syrup was manufactured has been sealed, Jaat added. In action related to the episode, which has made national headlines, the Mohan Yadav government earlier this week suspended two drug inspectors and a deputy director of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

It also transferred the state's drug controller amid an investigation into the children's deaths, while police arrested Chhindwara-based Dr Praveen Soni for alleged negligence. Soni's bail plea was rejected on Wednesday by a court in Parasia.

Incidentally, the Indian Medical Association has opposed the arrest of Dr Soni, and its members have sported black bands in protest.

## Alerted MP, Centre of toxic substance: TN minister

**CHENNAI, PTI:** The Tamil Nadu government had alerted the Madhya Pradesh government and the Union Health Ministry about the presence of a toxic substance in Coldrif cough syrup, besides notifying authorities in Odisha and Puducherry, and thus averted a major tragedy, state Health Minister Ma Subramanian claimed on Friday.

Facing flak from AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and the MP government over the death of children linked to the consumption of the adulterated cough syrup manufactured in Tamil Nadu, Subramanian denied any regulatory lapse on the part of the government.

The state principal secretary of the Health Department ordered an inquiry into the adulteration of Coldrif cough syrup on October 1, and it was found that the medicine contained 48 per cent Diethylene Glycol, a toxic industrial solvent, he said.

"We immediately alerted Madhya Pradesh government and the Union Health Ministry about the toxic substance in the cough syrup, but they said it was good," Subramanian told reporters here.

# 3 Maoists lay down arms after decades underground

**S N V SUDHIR**
HYDERABAD, DHNS

In a significant blow to the CPI (Maoist), three senior members, all state-level committee members who have been underground for decades, surrendered before Telangana DGP B Shivadhar Reddy on Friday.

They are Kunkati Venkataiah alias Vikas, underground for 36 years; Mogilicherla Venkatraju alias Raju, underground for 35 years; and Thodem Ganga alias Sony, underground for 21 years.

Kunkati Venkataiah (52) served as a state committee member and secretary/incharge of the South Bastar division under the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC) of CPI (Maoist). In May, he decided to dissociate from the organisation due to deteriorating health and focus on recovery and a peaceful life with his family, availing government assistance.

Venkatraju (45) was a state committee member and in charge of the Chetna Natya Manch (CNM) in the DKSZC. He cited deteriorating eyesight, ideological differences, and leadership disputes as reasons for leaving.

He surrendered with his wife Thodem Ganga.

Ganga (42) was also a state committee member and part of the Janathana Sarkar of the DKSZC, serving as the in-charge in the South Bastar division.

Each of the three cadres had a Rs 20 lakh cash reward on their heads, which has now been handed over to them through Demand Drafts. They will also receive further support under the rehabilitation policy.

DGP Shivadhar Reddy reaffirmed the Telangana Police's commitment to providing all benefits to the surrendered cadre.

Currently, 72 underground CPI (Maoist) cadres are natives of Telangana. Of the 12 central committee members, eight are from the state.

# Proposal to empower regulators to revise power tariff

**AJITH ATHRADY**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

In a major step towards reforms in the electricity sector,, the Power Ministry has come out with a draft bill which seeks to empower state regulators to revise tariff suo motu, sharing the distribution network by multiple distribution companies.

"It is proposed to amend the Electricity Act to make it mandatory for Electricity Regulatory Commissions to determine cost-reflective tariffs," the power ministry said in a draft of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025.

The ministry circulated the draft bill on Thursday to seek feedback from stakeholders within 30 days from the date of issue.

The Ministry decided to introduce sweeping reforms in the power sector aimed at establishing a robust and forward-looking legal framework which address the financial stress of power distribution companies, curbing high industrial tariffs that has affected competitiveness, constrained economic growth, and slowed the transition to clean energy, said an official in the Power Ministry.

The bill also proposes to exempt manufacturing enterprises, railways, and metro railways from cross-subsidy within five years.

This measure will help lower transport and logistics costs, improve efficiency, and enhance India's competitiveness in global markets, said the official.

However, the ministry stated that the state governments continue to have the flexibility to support specific consumer categories by providing advance subsidies on their behalf, ensuring that no consumer group is unduly burdened.

The ministry pointed out that despite major structural reforms under the Act, the distribution segment continues to face severe financial stress, with cumulative losses exceeding Rs 6.9 lakh crore.

Delay in timely revision of power tariff have further weakened the energy sector's financial viability. Further, to prevent delays in tariff revisions, which often arise due to late filing of tariff petitions by utilities, said the official

The proposed reforms will ensure that revised tariffs are implemented from April 1 of each financial year, improving the overall financial discipline in the power sector, said the official.

**CELEBRATING TOGETHER**

Women take a selfie after offering prayers during the celebrations to mark the Karva Chauth festival in Amritsar on Friday. AFP

**SHOWCASING TREASURE**

# Sacred relics of Buddha to be exhibited in Russia

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Holy Buddhist relics will travel to Russia's Kalmykia Republic for an exposition, accompanied by a delegation of 11 senior Indian monks who will conduct religious service for the Buddhist population in Russia, the Ministry of Culture announced on Friday.

The relics, now housed at the National Museum, will be received by the Head of the Buddhists of Kalmykia, which has a predominantly Buddhist population.

The exposition, which will take place in Russia for the first time, is organised by the ministry in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), the National Museum, and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), and will take place in the city of Elista from October 11 to 18.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is likely to be signed between the Central Spiritual Administration of Buddhist and the IBC, the ministry said. The Holy Relics will be transported with religious rites and protocol to Kalmykia by a special Indian Air Force aircraft.

The first such exposition in Russia will take place in the city of Elista from October 11 to 18.

A unique exhibition of Buddhist stamps, curated by Vinod Kumar of Dharwad, featuring around 90 countries, will also be displayed. Another exhibition by IBC titled the 'Sacred Legacy of the Shakyas: Excavation and Exposition of Buddha's Relics' will be presented through panel displays.

The 19th Kushok Bakula Rinpoche, a revered Buddhist monk and diplomat from Ladakh, had played a pivotal role in reviving Buddhism in Mongolia and subsequently, in the three regions of Russia, namely Buryatia, Kalmykia, and Tuva. Kalmykia is located southwestern part of the European territory of Russia, bordering the Caspian Sea.

The holy relics of the Buddha have, till now, been sent to Mongolia, Thailand, and Vietnam in the recent past. The Piprahwa relics at the National Museum were taken to Mongolia in 2022, whereas the holy relics of the Buddha and his two disciples enshrined at Sanchi were taken for exposition to Thailand in 2024.

This year in 2025, the holy relics of the Buddha from Sarnath were taken to Vietnam.

## OBCs hold massive rally in Nagpur for quota hike

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** Days after the Maharashtra government began implementing a government resolution based on the Hyderabad Gazette, allowing Marathas who can provide historical documentary proof of Kunbi lineage to apply for Kunbi caste certificates and seek reservation under the OBC category, the OBC community held a massive rally in Nagpur demanding that the state increase their quota in line with Telangana.

The morcha was led by Congress Legislature Party leader Vijay Wadettiwar and saw participation from leaders across various OBC groups. The demonstrators criticised Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, declaring, "This is just the beginning, the full picture is yet to come."

Referring to the GR, Wadettiwar alleged that the government was providing a "backdoor entry" to Marathas into the OBC category. "The government's decision is unjust and discriminatory," he said.

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## Jaiswal's ton lights up Delhi

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# With China, Pak in mind, Delhi boosts Kabul ties

## Upgrades mission to embassy status in Afghan capital; Muttaqi warns Islamabad

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India will restore the status of its mission in the capital of Afghanistan to that of an embassy and restart supporting development projects in the conflict-ravaged country, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said as he hosted the foreign minister of the Taliban regime in Kabul, Amir Khan Muttaqi, in New Delhi on Friday.

Muttaqi sent a stern warning to Islamabad from Delhi and promised that no group or individual would be allowed to use Afghan territory against India.

"We appreciate your sensitivity towards the security concerns of India," Jaishankar told his counterpart, who landed in New Delhi on Thursday. "We must coordinate efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," added the external affairs minister.

Islamabad reacted to the latest engagement between the Taliban government and New Delhi, by carrying out aerial attacks on Kabul as well as on a market in Afghanistan's Paktika province.

Though New Delhi did not formally recognise the Taliban government in Afghanistan, it has been stepping up its engagement with the regime in Kabul, in order to deny Pakistan and China a strategic advantage against India.

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Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar (right) with his Afghani counterpart Amir Khan Muttaqi in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

**HELPING HAND**

- Jaishankar hands over five of 20 ambulances gifted to Afghanistan
- India ready to help Afghanistan rebuild houses in quake-affected areas
- Will build thalassemia centre, modern diagnostic centre in Afghanistan
- A 30-bed hospital, oncology and a trauma centre to be built in Kabul
- 5 maternity health clinics will be set up in Paktika and Khost

# CM to officials: Brace for possible funds crunch

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday directed officials of various departments to be prepared to handle potential financial challenges in the coming days.

During a review meeting of the Finance Department, Siddaramaiah reportedly said that though business and transactions have recovered, expenditure was also on the rise.

"For the current financial year, the total revenue receipts targeted are Rs 2.92 lakh crore, of which Rs 2.08 lakh crore is expected from own tax sources. Two quarters have passed, but revenue collection from own tax sources, including GST has not crossed Rs 1 lakh crore. Hence, he has advised all departments to work more actively," said a source.

Siddaramaiah

Based on business growth, transactions and the pace of tax collection, the finance department has estimated a potential shortfall of Rs 21,000 crore (Rs 7,000 to Rs 8,000 crore from own tax sources and Rs 13,000 to Rs 14,000 crore due to GST simplification).

Siddaramaiah advised that it is necessary to wait until the end of December to get a clear picture of the impact of GST simplification. "Though there could be a shortfall of Rs 15,000 to Rs 17,000 crore, the CM tasked officials with the responsibility of monitoring market trends and formulating an implementation strategy," the source added.

"There is a possibility of revenue decline in the coming days," the source said.

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# At 1st GBA meet, CM clears master plan preparation

## New body to be B'luru's primary planning authority; BJP boycotts meeting

BENGALURU, DHNS

The inaugural meeting of the newly formed Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) chaired by CM Siddaramaiah on Friday saw the approval for preparing a Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) for the city, which has been long overdue.

The nearly three-hour-long meeting, mostly attended by Congress legislators amid a boycott by BJP legislators who alleged a violation of protocol over invites to members, saw the unanimous approval of at least nine key proposals.

**Rs 613.6 crore** allocated for construction of new corporation offices, administrative expenses, and maintenance

**Rs 30 crore** allocated for Greater Bengaluru Authority operations

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| East | Outer Ring Road, Mahadevapura |
| West | Near Vijayanagar BDA Complex or Attiguppe |
| North | Chokkanahalli |
| South | Near Banashankari Metro station |

With the approval for the preparation of the master plan, GBA will act as the city's primary planning body, a power so far held by the Bangalore Development Authority.

▸ GBA, Page 6

# That audacious Indian mission in Antarctica

## A group defies heavy odds to establish our research credentials

India set up the Dakshin Gangotri research station in Antarctica in 1983. A team of 81 went on an expedition to build the station. It had to be completed in record time, before the harsh Antarctic winter set in.

In this week's Saturday Story, a documentary filmmaker tells the story of Dr Harsh Kumar Gupta, the renowned seismologist who led the mission and overcame several odds to make it a success and show India's research capabilities.

The SATURDAY STORY

As soon as the ship carrying the crew, equipment and supplies reached the continent in late December, it was struck by disaster. But the team soldiered on.

Over the next two months, Gupta's team built the station from the ground up. They soon had workshops, laboratories, a kitchen, sleeping quarters, radio rooms and toilets. And then, one of the worst blizzards ever hit them.

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# Soon, innovation clusters beyond B'luru

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka will invest Rs 1,000 crore to build innovation clusters across Mangaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Belagavi, said IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge, as the government looks to take growth beyond Bengaluru.

"Karnataka has evolved into one of the most disruptive innovation hubs in the world, powering breakthroughs from agritech to aerospace. We are not just an investment destination but the global knowledge and skill capital," said Priyank at the India Innovation Summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Bengaluru on Friday.

Karnataka today is not competing with other states. We are competing with ourselves to create global solutions through innovation, skills and political will.
**Priyank Kharge,** IT/BT Minister

At the upcoming Bengaluru Tech Summit, the government will unveil the Future Makers track to showcase 20,000 startups and launch a Rs 100 crore fund to identify India's top 50 AI companies, Kharge said.

"Karnataka today is not competing with other states. We are competing with ourselves to create global solutions through innovation, skills and political will," he said. With 40% of India's R&D talent, 30% of all GCCs and 48 of the country's 110 unicorns, Karnataka drives the nation's digital economy.

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# Quickly

## MP court remands TN syrup firm owner in 10-day police custody

G Ranganathan, owner of Tamil Nadu's Sresen Pharma that manufactured the cough syrup linked to deaths of more than 20 children in Madhya Pradesh, was remanded in 10-day police custody. Facing Page

## Auto driver tries to hit woman for cancelling ride

The Kothanur police on Friday arrested a 21-year-old auto driver for allegedly abusing and trying to hit a woman after she cancelled a ride. Details on Page 3B

## Multiple dead as blast rocks US explosives plant

Multiple people were dead or missing after a massive blast rocked a US military explosives plant in Tennessee on Friday, officials said, sending emergency responders rushing to the site.

# Venezuela's Machado wins Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, REUTERS

Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for fighting dictatorship in the country and dedicated the award in part to US President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly insisted he deserved it.

I thank you so much, but I hope you understand this is a movement, this is an achievement of a whole society. I am just one person. I certainly do not deserve it.
**- Maria Corina Machado**

Machado, a 58-year-old industrial engineer who lives in hiding, was blocked in 2024 by Venezuela's courts from running for president and thus challenging President Nicolas Maduro, who has been in power since 2013.

"Oh my God ... I have no words," Machado told the secretary of the award body, Kristian Berg Harpviken, in a phone call which the Nobel Committee posted on social media.

"I thank you so much, but I hope you understand this is a movement, this is an achievement of a whole society. I am just one person. I certainly do not deserve it," she added.

She later said, in an X post in English: "I dedicate the prize to the suffering people of Venezuela and to President Trump for his decisive support of our cause!"

Trump is a fierce critic of Maduro and the US is one of a number of countries that does not recognise his government's legitimacy.

"When authoritarians seize power, it is crucial to recognise courageous defenders of freedom who rise and resist," the Nobel Committee said in its citation.

Machado is the first Venezuelan to win the Nobel Peace Prize and the sixth from Latin America. Her three adult children are living abroad for safety reasons.

## White House fumes as Trump loses out

**The White House lashed out on Friday after the Nobel Committee overlooked Donald Trump. "The Nobel Committee proved they place politics over peace," said White House Director of Communications Steven Cheung.** P12

SIX-YEAR WAIT

# Filmmakers livid over delay in subsidy payment

HARSHA
MANGALURU, DHNS

Film producers are upset the government is still dragging its feet on payment of subsidies, due since 2019.

The Karnataka government provides a subsidy of Rs 10 lakh to around 100 films every year.

"Bowing to pressure from the Karnataka Film Directors Association, the government recently announced a list of 2019 and 2020 films chosen for payment of subsidy," N R K Vishwanath, association president, told *DH*.

Veerendra Shetty Kavoor, who directed 'Savarna Deergha Sandhi,' one of 87 films (general category) chosen for subsidy in 2019, said, "Nothing moved after that."

Information obtained under RTI by *DH* revealed that the subsidy committee had ignored films made in Kodava and Konkani.

Despite half a dozen public releases each year, only two films made in Tulu were declared eligible, an industry insider said.

"Ester Noronha's debut Konkani film, 'Sophia', won a state award for best regional film in 2018. Since then, no films made in Konkani have received subsidies," said Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy President J Stany Alvares.

Manjunath D Dollin, joint director of the Department of Information and Public Relations, said there were no separate quotas, but films made in those languages were considered alongside Kannada films.

About 260 films are made in Karnataka every year, and 50 to 60 are declared ineligible for subsidy as they are remakes.

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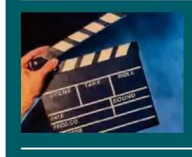
**SUBSIDY NUMBERS**

**2018:** 82 films, including one Konkani and one Banjara (total subsidy amount **Rs 9.15 cr**).



**2020:** 119 films including two Tulu (total subsidy amount **Rs 13.60 crore**)

**2019:** 100 films including two Tulu films (total subsidy amount **Rs 11.45 crore**)

## No public release

**Actor and director Sandeep Malani said that he had never heard of some films that were declared eligible for subsidy. KFCC president M Narasimhalu said many films declared eligible for subsidy had not been released in theatres. "We have been urging the government to include a representative from KFCC in the subsidy committee to ensure that only films screened at the theatres make it to the list," he said.**

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**Special event:** 5,000 episodes of 'Thatt Anta Heli' by DD Chandana; Thawar Chand Gehlot, Eshwar Khandre, SV Suresh, Shashikant S Udikeri, Revathi Kamath; GKVK campus; 10.30 am.

**Panel discussion:** Janagraha; 'Will the Greater Bengaluru Authority Act Benefit the City?'; Ravichandar V, Tejasvi Surya, Rizwan Arshad, Srikanth Vishwanathan to attend; Bangalore International Centre (BIC); 11 am.

### CULTURAL

**Indian Music Festival:** Bangalore Lalit Kala Parishat; Dr HN Multimedia Hall; 4 pm.

**Comedy play:** 'Beg Baro Aliya' by MS Narasimhamoorthy and Hanu Ramasanjeeva; Pravara Theatre; Nani Angala, Suchitra Film Society; 5.15 pm & 7.30 pm.

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**TEMPERATURES**

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A CITY ON FIRE

# A burning crisis in Bengaluru

## City needs effective enforcement, accountability and redressal mechanisms to control the menace

Garbage set on fire next to Kerekodi Main Road near Hosakerehalli Lake in Bengaluru. Residents say that people from nearby areas dump garbage while passing by, which is later burned. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Garbage set afire near Kalkere, opposite Rampura Lake in Horamavu area. X/PRAJNA DASH (PUBLIC POST)

A government-owned land-turned-dump yard in Sumanahalli regularly catches fire. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Garbage is dumped and burned regularly in front of and around the Government High School, Vajarahalli. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**SHREE D N**
BENGALURU, DHNS

People living in the vicinity of Chiikkasubbanna Road, within Hagadur Ward, in Mahadeva Pura (Bengaluru East Corporation limits), often witness an absolute nightmare: unidentified people burning garbage at night, causing severe air pollution.

Anupama, a resident of the area, says that with doors closed, her air pollution monitor showed a PM 2.5 reading of 247 on the night of October 4—a level indicating very unhealthy air quality that might lead to serious health effects for vulnerable groups, particularly older people and those with underlying health conditions.

The issue is not new. The city has grappled with waste management issues for decades, tracing back to the 1980s when rapid urbanisation outpaced civic infrastructure. By the 2000s, Bengaluru was generating over 2,000 tonnes of waste per day, much of it unsegregated.

The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Report (2021) estimated that nearly 15–20% of municipal waste is still burnt illegally, releasing toxic pollutants such as particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide, and dioxins. These emissions contribute to the city's deteriorating air quality—Bengaluru's average AQI frequently crosses 120 in certain zones, well above safe limits.

Despite the Karnataka High Court's repeated interventions since 2012, enforcement remains patchy. Citizen-led initiatives and segregation drives, notably after the 2012 landfill crisis, have improved awareness but not eliminated the problem.

The combination of plastic waste, poor segregation, and inadequate processing infrastructure keeps fuelling small-scale fires across neighbourhoods.

### When school grapples with soot

Ravindra, a 65-year-old citizen from the erstwhile Hemmigepura ward in South Bengaluru, sees garbage dumped and burned regularly on Holiday Village Road, especially near a government high school.

"We have gone door-to-door asking people not to dump garbage, but people don't listen. They come on bikes, throw garbage and run away. The garbage is later burned, but we don't know who does it. It causes health hazards to the students at the school. This needs to stop," says Ravindra.

There is a coconut farm close by. The leaf litter there is sometimes burned, too. "We can't live here, the soot fills the atmosphere sometimes and leads to health issues," he adds.

This is not an isolated case. The city's avenue trees shed leaf litter during winter. Burning leaf litter during winter is a common practice in the city, and the city administration's and citizen activists' campaigns to compost it have not yielded good results.

Gowdaiah H K, a resident of Sir M Vishweswaraiah Layout, Ullal ward in Bengaluru West Corporation, says garbage and leaf litter burning is indiscriminate in his area as well, especially on the outskirts of the current Bengaluru West.

"BBMP had designated a place for a dry waste collection centre, which did not happen due to administrative issues. Now garbage vehicles come and dump waste in it, and regularly burn waste, causing severe pollution," he says. The said area in Sumanahalli, near the Magadi Road and Outer Ring Road Junction, was established and barricaded by the solid waste management officials of Kottige Palya Ward.

He gives examples of how, sometimes, corporations' pourakarmikas themselves set garbage and leaf litter on fire on Tigalarapalya Main Road, Outer Ring Road near Ambedkar College, Peenya Second Stage, Dasarahalli, Harohalli ward, Karihobanahalli ward, Byadarahalli Police Station area, and other places where garbage is regularly burnt.

"Sundays are the days when waste is burnt in many areas as a routine, while the contractors try to clear the remaining waste," he observes. He gives examples of burning garbage inside the Jnanabharathi campus, the police station and the horticulture department office in Rajarajeshwari Nagar. Complaints to KSPCB and BBMP yielded in notices, but have not helped in this case. Burning continues, he says.

"Government institutions themselves are burning leaf litter and garbage, who else can we account for?" he asks.

He says the city's waste is taken to nearby villages outside the GBA limits, which are panchayat areas. Panchayats are anyway burning their waste; the city's waste just adds to it, making life miserable for villagers as well.

"The system of waste management is not taken seriously by anyone. People are also not educated enough. They think burning is an accepted form of waste management; they have accepted it, so they don't even question when they see it," he adds.

### 'No redressal'

What happens when the citizens complain about garbage burning?

Gowdaiah says the complaints are closed without any resolution. "No update on the action taken, and officials do not tell us what happened. After some time, the problem just repeats," he sighs.

Anupama says the corporation officials have never been able to stop the burning of garbage in the land belonging to the local panchayat. People have tried to complain to officials of the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, but the problem remains.

Ravindra says his complaints have not helped us solve the issue. He is part of the local WhatsApp group, which also includes corporation officials. Despite repeated complaints and geotagged photographic evidence from him about the problem, no one from the corporation seems to have taken the issue seriously.

"I have been complaining to the authorities for the last 2.5 years. Every time I post the photo, they come and clear it in a few hours. But the problem comes back. Even after so many years, there is no solution. I don't know where else to complain; nobody helps us," he says helplessly.

### 'Garbage dumps keep coming back'

Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra K V says that the corporation is trying to clear blackspots regularly so that there is no garbage available to burn. "The problem is, the dumps come back at the same speed they are cleared. We are trying to fix it through marshals and enforcement."

When asked whether there are loopholes in the collection system, he said the current collection is only once per day. Still, the corporation is open to introducing an additional collection time if it helps control dumping," he adds.

"We want to identify the spots where garbage is regularly burned and conduct surveys to identify the root cause. We also want to conduct IEC activities to educate people. People can complain through the existing mechanisms if they see violations," he explains.

Will fixing blackspots help? Shobha Bhat, a civic volunteer from the erstwhile Rajarajeshwarinagar zone, says the corporations are already doing it, but it has not helped. "Garbage blackspots are cleared and the spots decorated with rangolis, but the blackspot just gets shifted to a place close by. The root cause of the blackspots should be fixed to have a permanent solution," she adds.

With inadequate landfill capacity and limited door-to-door collection, informal dumping and open burning became common practices, especially in the city's outskirts and the 100 villages newly absorbed by the BBMP when it transitioned from BMP to BBMP.

There are instances of even the larger landfills catching fire, especially when they emit methane, a greenhouse gas that can ignite immediately. Villages near the Bellahalli landfill have frequently witnessed this, causing severe health issues for the villagers, before the BBMP finally capped the landfill with mud.

Thus, Bengaluru's garbage burning issue isn't merely a civic nuisance—it's a reflection of decades of urban neglect, policy gaps, and public apathy toward sustainable waste practices.

Now the city administration has undergone yet another transformation, with five corporations. This should make it easier to monitor and fix the garbage-burning issue. Will this happen? Only time will tell.

**Feedback:**
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### FIXING GARBAGE BURNING: Ten things to do

1. Enforce waste segregation at home
2. Fix street sweeping and door-to-door waste collection system; make it inclusive
3. Track where the garbage goes, from pushcarts and autos
4. Eliminate garbage dumps totally; have designated transfer points
5. Conduct awareness drives among citizens
6. Have helplines or groups where people can quickly complain about violations
7. Identify those burning waste, and enforce strict penalties
8. Educate Pourakarmikas to not burn waste
9. Design systems to clear leaf litter every day from roadsides
10. Link waste contractors' payments to zero-burning performance.

## METRO

# 'Nothing new', dejected Pete residents resign to bad roads

## Sewage overflow perennial despite BWSSB's fix

**SHRADDHA AK**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Dug up roads leave Sultanpet in disarray. DH PHOTO/SHRADDHA AK

Broken roads, leaking sewage and garbage piles—that is the state of the city's oldest business hubs Chickpet and Sultanpet.

Asphalted roads have cracks, potholes, leaking sewage, or are missing altogether in some stretches.

Ibrahim, a steel vessels vendor on AS Char Street opposite the metro station, said a blocked drain up the road near the Mysuru Road flyover allowed sewage to overflow and run towards his shop.

"The drains are blocked till here. From this point, the drains work properly, so the overflowing sewage goes back into them," he said.

Though BWSSB officials respond to complaints and fix the issue, the leak starts again in 30 minutes. People are sprayed with sewage water when vehicles speed on this road, and many fall sick because of the sewage seepage, Ibrahim said.

A juice vendor said the sewage stench and dug-up footpaths had driven customers away.

In Sultanpet, roads that were dug up for white-topping months ago remain incomplete.

A shopkeeper at Ashirwad Card Creations, a wedding card business, said things barely changed. "What is new about this? It is Bengaluru, we have bad roads," he remarked, adding that the potholes were so large that they posed a danger to riders.

Vishnu, who runs a craft paper shop, said only part of the road had been white-topped. "Officials said the remaining work will be done soon," he said.

Chickpet MLA Uday Garudachar blamed the problem on "shoddy" contractor work. "The contractors do only half the job and then raise issues that halt progress," he told *DH*.

He said he had taken up the issue with the authorities and promised that the roads in Sultanpet would be fixed soon.

On the sewage problem, the MLA accused the BWSSB of "careless" work. "The problem starts at the grassroots level. Whenever they take up repairs, they delay them citing lack of grants," he said.

### Down the drain

A BWSSB assistant executive engineer blamed residents for flushing down non-sewage items. "The sewage line is made to hold only sewage, not clothes or Dalda. When restaurants discard Dalda, it hardens in the drains," he said, adding that two new pipelines would soon be laid before white-topping resumes.

## Vidyaranyapura's Main Road holds strong, but inner lanes sink in neglect

**SHRADDHA AK**
BENGALURU, DHNS

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The main road in Vidyaranyapura, which runs from 1st Block to the bus stop and laid just over a year ago, remains in excellent condition, free from potholes or patchwork—a rare feat for Bengaluru.

However, near the footpaths, large gaps have formed due to uneven pouring of asphalt.

The bigger concern lies in the adjoining lanes and crossroads connected to Vidyaranyapura Road, where potholes of various sizes mar the stretches. Except for frequently used roads such as the one leading to the Vidyaranyapura Temple, most inner roads are in poor shape.

Narasipura Layout Main Road is one such example, with potholes visible right from Vidyaranyapura Main Road. The damage has been worsened by the constant movement of heavy vehicles and substandard roadwork.

"It was fine when they laid the roads, but then it rained and soon the potholes started popping up," said Rajswamy, a shopkeeper.

He said minor patchwork was carried out when the main road was asphalted, but it soon gave way.

"The rails on the open drain had broken off a couple of months ago, so we could not use the road at all; instead, we had to use parallel roads," said Tanisha K, a resident. She added that the drain rails have now been repaired, and the road is back in use.

North Corporation Commissioner P Sunil Kumar and three other officials did not respond to calls or text messages for comment.

## Bad road claims another life

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A 23-year-old motorcyclist died after being crushed between an autorickshaw and a private school bus in Gunjur, Southeast Bengaluru, on Friday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Chiranjeevi.

According to sources, the bus driver lost control of the vehicle due to the poor condition of the road near Deens Academy.

"The road has been in terrible shape for the past two years, and no action has been taken by the authorities," a source said.

This is the second pothole-related death reported in the city in recent weeks.

## White-topping: Panathur Main Road closed for 21 days

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The traffic police (East Division) on Friday announced the closure of Panathur Main Road for 21 days to facilitate white-topping taken up by the Greater Bengaluru Authority.

However, the announcement triggered public backlash as the alternative routes suggested by the police are in poor condition. Residents also criticised the authorities for taking up the project without prior public notice.

Many commuters said they learnt about the road closure only after setting out for the day, leading to severe traffic chaos. "When I left this morning for grocery shopping, I realised the road was closed and already a water tanker had entered the alternate road, blocking nearly 50 two-wheelers," said Pawan Roy, a resident.

Responding to the complaints, Additional Commissioner (East) Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar said, "We have coordinated with the traffic police. We will close one side of the road, and the police will ensure a smooth flow of traffic with minimum disruption."

# Thundershowers return, city braces for more rain

BENGALURU, DHNS

The downpour disrupted traffic across the city late Friday evening. DH PHOTO/NAVEEN MENEZES

Thundershowers, accompanied by gusty wind travelling at 30-40 kmph, struck many parts of the city on Friday night, inundating roads and causing traffic jams.

The Bengaluru city observatory recorded 21.6 mm of rainfall and HAL airport 6.7 mm until 11.30 pm, the IMD said.

The rainfall occurred in the core areas as well as in eastern and northeastern parts of the city.

While the southwest monsoon has withdrawn from nearly all of North India and some parts of South India, it has remained vigorous over South Interior Karnataka, of which Bengaluru is a part, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The southwest monsoon, which normally withdraws from Karnataka in early October, has lingered longer this year due to a low-pressure area over west-central Arabian Sea and an upper air cyclonic circulation over the Bay of Bengal.

The IMD sees little or no break between the southwest monsoon and northeast monsoon, which brings Bengaluru rains from October through December.

The met department has forecast moderate rains/thundershowers over Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts on Saturday.

The pub where the incident occurred Thursday night. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

# Finance firm employee found dead in RR Nagar pub washroom

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A 31-year-old finance company employee was found dead inside the washroom of a pub in Rajarajeshwari Nagar on Thursday night.

The deceased, identified as Megharaj from Maddur, had come to the '1522' Pub with three friends for dinner.

A senior police officer said CCTV footage showed that Megharaj and his friends had finished their meal and drinks and paid the bill before leaving the table.

He went to the washroom — mistakenly the ladies' washroom — while his friends stepped outside. When he did not return, they went to check and found the door locked from inside.

The staff and his friends broke open the door and found him collapsed on the floor. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Police and Scene of Crime Officers (SOCO) conducted a spot mahazar and registered a case of unnatural death based on a complaint filed by his brother, Vinay.

At first glance, the police suspect a heart attack, though the exact cause will be known after the postmortem examination.

Megharaj was working as a manager with a private finance bank and is survived by his wife and six-month-old baby. "We have recorded statements from his friends. It is too early to suspect any foul play. There was no proper signboard outside the washroom, which may have led him to enter the women's washroom," the police said.

# Woman kills children, ends life after husband remarries

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A woman allegedly killed her two children before dying by suicide at her residence in Bhuvaneshwari Nagar under the Bagalagunte police station limits on Thursday night.

The deceased have been identified as Vijayalakshmi (35) and her children Brinda (4) and Bhuvan (1).

According to police, Vijayalakshmi was married to Ramesh about five years ago. The family hails from Raichur. Ramesh, who works at a shopping mall, had reportedly married another woman recently without informing Vijayalakshmi.

Vijayalakshmi

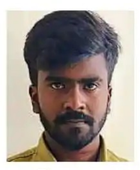
Distressed over her husband's second marriage, Vijayalakshmi had shared her concerns with relatives. On Thursday night, she allegedly ended her life along with her two children. Police said all three were found hanging in their room.

Based on a complaint filed from the Vijayalakshmi's parents, Ramesh has been arrested under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code.

# Auto driver held for abusing woman over ride cancellation

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Kothanur police on Friday arrested a 21-year-old auto driver for allegedly abusing a woman from the Northeast after she cancelled a ride.



Pawan

The suspect has been identified as Pawan HS, a native of KR Pete in Mandya.

In her complaint, the woman said the incident occurred on October 2 around 7 pm after she booked a cab from her residence in Kothanur to reach her office in Banaswadi.

The app showed that the driver had "arrived", but he never turned up even after she waited for several minutes. "I called him and shared my location, but he still did not show up. Since I was getting late, I cancelled the ride and booked another driver," she recalled in a post on social media.

"After moving just a few metres, Pawan deliberately appeared before us and blocked our way and demanded money. He started abusing me and even tried to hit me. He took videos of me and refused to speak in Hindi when I requested him to. Only when I began recording the incident did he step back," she added.

Based on her complaint, the Kothanur police registered a case and arrested Pawan. He is in judicial custody.

### Second incident in a week

This is the second such incident in a week after a Bengaluru-based social media influencer shared a similar experience on her Instagram account.

She alleged that a late-night auto ride turned aggressive when the driver refused to drop her at the destination, made a sudden U-turn, and tried to hit her.

The post gained wide traction and reignited discussions on women's safety in public transport and the accountability of app-based service providers.

### Uber responds

**"Based on rider feedback in both cases, access to the Uber app for the two drivers was revoked with immediate effect. We continue to support law enforcement authorities with all relevant information," an Uber spokesperson said in a press statement.**

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **08.10.2025.**

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# No takers for engineering course in Kannada for 6th year

## Kannada medium only for Civil and Mechanical streams

BENGALURU, DHNS

Engineering courses offered in Kannada medium in the state have failed to attract any students for the sixth consecutive year.

Admissions for the undergraduate engineering courses have been concluded recently for the current academic year, and no student has opted for the course in the Kannada medium.

The situation was similar in the academic years 2024-25, 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21.

In 2021-22, 10 students opted for the seats, but none of them reported to the colleges.

Even in the 2020-21 academic year, 17 students opted for the seats but did not report to the colleges. This was the same in 2022-23, where 30 students selected the seats, but none of them took admission.

Again in 2023-24, around 26 students opted, but later cancelled it, saying it was by mistake.

In 2024-25, one student opted and even reported to the college, but later, as he was the only student, the college authorities requested the university to switch his admission to the English medium following the request made by the student. The student was admitted to Mechanical Engineering.

The decision to offer engineering education in a regional language was taken considering the recommendation by the National Education Policy.

In the year 2020-21, the higher education department decided to offer engineering education in Kannada medium, and three colleges, SJC Institute of Technology, Chikkaballapur and BKIT Bhalki and Maharaja Institute of Technology, Mysore came forward to offer the courses in Kannada medium.

As decided by the Visvesvaraya Technological University, Kannada medium engineering was offered only in Civil and Mechanical streams.

The decision to offer engineering education in a regional language was taken considering the recommendation by the National Education Policy (NEP).

However, now that the state has rejected the NEP and has its own policy, which is under scrutiny by the expert committees, the VTU officials feel that it is better to withdraw the same.

"In Tamil Nadu, it worked because they have reservations in jobs for those studying in the Kannada medium. Without such an incentive, no one will take up the course in Kannada here," said a senior official of the university.

# N S Hema Memorial Lecture, award recognise inclusion

A spirit of inspiration and inclusion marked the 8th N S Hema Memorial Lecture and 9th N S Hema Memorial Award 2025, hosted by The Association of People with Disability (APD) at the Dwaraka Auditorium, M S Ramaiah Medical College.

The event, dedicated to recognising NGOs that create a lasting impact for the differently-abled, was inaugurated by Prof Dr C N Manjunath, Member of Parliament and former Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research. He praised APD's legacy of compassion and commitment to empowering differently-abled individuals.

Delivering the keynote address, Jayanthi Yeshwanth, Chairperson, N S Hema Award Jury Committee, highlighted the importance of sustainable inclusion and cross-sector collaboration.

Dr Meenu Bhambhani, Vice President and Senior Grants Manager, APAC State Street Corporation, delivered the N S Hema Memorial Lecture on innovation and social responsibility for the differently-abled.

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(Left to right) N S Hema Award Jury Committee Chairperson Jayanthi Yeshwanth and General Secretary P Bala Krishna Reddy, chief guest Dr C N Manjunath, Member of Parliament and M R Anandaram, Secretary, Gokula Education Foundation.

The First Place N S Hema Memorial Award 2025 was presented to People with Hearing Impaired Network (PHIN) in recognition of their outstanding service and unwavering dedication to empowering differently-abled persons and fostering inclusion across communities.

The second place was awarded to Atchayam Trust for their remarkable and selfless initiative towards building a beggar-free India - a vision rooted in dignity, rehabilitation and equal opportunity for all.

M R Anandaram, Secretary, Gokula Education Foundation, felicitated the awardees.

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# Mumbai model for B'luru slums? Govt to form panel

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka government has decided to form a committee to develop the slum areas in Bengaluru where there are a total of 480 such settlements.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said the government would study the Mumbai model, which has taken up a cluster-based redevelopment plan, the first being the Dharavi revamp.

The subject came up during the first meeting of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), which was chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed raised the issue that there are 480 slum areas in Bengaluru and they need to be developed.

"We had tried this in Shanthinagar in Bengaluru earlier. It was not successful. That is why people are hesitant about this issue. That is why a committee has been formed to revive these slum areas," Shivakumar said.

During the meeting, Pulakeshinagar MLA AC Srinivas raised the issue of irregular garbage collection.

In response, Shivakumar said the civic body has already floated tenders for the work. "This matter is in court and action would be issued based on the verdict. The responsibility of garbage disposal will be handled by the local corporations. The GBA will coordinate this," he said.

When asked about including parts of Anekal into the GBA, the Deputy Chief Minister said the elections in the GBA area will be held first. "Then, a committee will be formed to include the areas which are developed. This process will be initiated after the election," he said.

During the meeting, MLA Rizwan Arshad urged the civic body to shift abandoned vehicles out of Bengaluru as it is causing traffic congestion.

# 'Suraksha 75' junction revamp to be completed by March 2026

## 'Hurdles at ward level, and mobility issues delay the project'

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

The former BBMP's ambitious 'Suraksha 75' project, aimed at improving the city's major junctions, is set to be completed by March 2026, said Tushar Giri Nath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department (UDD).

However, as per GBA data, work at only one junction has been fully completed.

The project, which was launched in 2023, has seen a slow start. "So far, the work is currently ongoing at 20-30 junctions. Tenders have been floated for more junctions, and work is set to begin soon. However, we have taken this up on priority, as these junctions will greatly improve the traffic problem in the city. We aim to complete all 75 by the end of the financial year," he elaborated.

Hurdles at the ward level and mobility issues have delayed the project, a well-placed source told *DH*. Now, with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) in the picture, the five corporation commissioners are yet to receive a complete handover of the project, he said. A few more junctions have recently received tenders.

Currently, the GBA has taken up 30 junctions on a priority basis, based on the crash and fatalities data for the year 2022-23, provided by the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP). These junctions include the ones at Byatarayanapura, Garebavipalya Temple in Bommanahalli, Bagmane Tech Park in Mahadevapura, Nayandahalli, Yeshwantpur, 8th Mile Circle, Gorguntepalya, and KR Market, among others.

While some of these are considered high-risk junctions, the rest have been identified as blackspots.

Of the 28 junctions where the work is currently in progress, 90-95% of the work has been completed at the following locations: Arekere, Sarakki, Kudlu Gate, Hogasandra MS, Manipal County (Hosur Road), Garebavipalya Temple in Bommanahalli, Tin Factory, Benniganahalli, KR Puram, Ballari-Palanahalli Road. As per the data provided by GBA, only the improvements at the Horamavu bridge junction have been 100% completed.

The project is likely to overshoot the estimated Rs 100-crore budget by Rs 10-15 crore. Each junction improvement costs Rs 1.5-2 crore.

"The project aims to streamline traffic and improve road safety. There is no road-widening involved in the project. However, when the curves of the junctions are improved, it might incidentally widen the road by a bit," added Giri Nath.

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao has proposed adding 75 more junctions under the project. However, the proposal is yet to be improved due to funding issues.

Speaking to *DH*, Commissioner of the Bengaluru West City Corporation, Rajendra KV, said he would be focusing on particular junctions like Goraguntepalya, Kengeri and CV Raman Nagar, among others.

"Many junctions on the list are located in Bengaluru West. With this part of the city being a gateway into Bengaluru, some major improvements are needed here. I have also spoken to the traffic chief regarding this," he said.

Commissioners of East, South, Central and North corporations did not respond to *DH*'s calls.

### 'Focus needed on ORR': Traffic chief

**The return of techies to the Outer Ring Road (ORR), due to full-time work from the office, has diverted the Bengaluru Traffic Police's (BTP) attention towards the particular stretch.**

**"Traffic across the rest of Bengaluru has been more or less fine lately," said Karthik Reddy, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic).**

**While the BTP has requested the GBA to complete 'Suraksha 75' renovations to streamline vehicular movement across the city, special attention is needed on the ORR — on junctions in Iblur, Kadubeesanahalli, Marathahalli-KR Puram, Nagawara, Hebbal and Hennur, Reddy told DH.**

# Protest seeking BU syndicate member's removal

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Students of Bangalore University, along with members of faculty, have been protesting at the Jnana Bharathi campus since Thursday night demanding the removal of syndicate member Ramesh Babu P, accusing him of meddling in the administration of the varsity.

A senior professor said, "He (Babu) was nominated to the syndicate by the state government. He is misusing Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's name, and going about verbally abusing members of the faculty."

Questioning Babu's presence at interviews for guest lecturers, another professor said, "Members of the syndicate are not allowed to be present during any selection process. But Babu abused his powers and conducted interviews himself."

The protesters alleged that Babu had verbally abused the varsity's special officer for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the Valmiki Jayanti celebrations.

A petition demanding Babu's removal has been submitted to the varsity Vice-Chancellor and the state government.

# PIL seeks restoration of Kempegowda fort in Magadi

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka high court on Friday ordered notice to the state government, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and other authorities in a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking preservation of the Magadi Kempegowda fort and moat in Magadi taluk of Ramanagar (now Bengaluru South) district.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C M Poonacha has posted the matter to February 2, 2026, for further consideration. The petition is filed by H M Krishna Murthy, founder and president of the Kempegowda Abhivrudhi Samiti, a registered trust. The petition stated that the Magadi Kempegowda fort, built in the 17th century, is a historical monument and served as a strategic defence point during various battles. The fort is a popular destination for history enthusiasts and tourists. According to the petitioner, a large portion of the fort lies in ruins. The moat surrounding the fort on all four sides gradually got trampled, the petitioner said.

The petition said that though the fort and moat are protected monuments under the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains Act, the concerned authorities have failed to take appropriate action. The petitioner claimed that such an important structure has not been given any importance by either the local authorities or the tourism or archeological departments.

"The petitioner has strived relentlessly to ensure the preservation and protection of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda fort by creating public awareness conducting a signature camp signed by more than 6,000 citizens with keen interest to protect, preserve and other developments and submitted several representations to the Archaeological Department Mysore," the petition said, praying court's intervention to take steps for preservation of the fort and moat.

# Indigenous handicrafts on display at expo until Oct 19

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Deepavali edition of The Indian Artisans Haat (TIAH), featuring India's handlooms, handicrafts and artefacts, presented *DH* and *Prajavani*, is on at the Rangoli Metro Art Center, M G Road, until October 19.

On Friday, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Congress leader M A Haris inaugurated the event and visited the stalls. Kannada actor Pooja Gandhi was also present.

Shivakumar commended *DH* and *Prajavani* for bringing Indian art and indigenous products closer to the middle class.

"From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, you can find all kinds of textiles, new designs, carvings, dolls and artworks here. Our state's traditional crafts, dolls and saris are also represented. Bengaluru is not just about malls — the government has made provisions for exhibitions and sales like these along roadsides. Organisers should make good use of this opportunity, and people should visit such places, buy these products, and offer encouragement," he said.

Pooja Gandhi said: "It's a beautiful concept. More such events should happen. The quality, artisanship and craftsmanship are immense and beautiful. We must promote them."

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Shanthinagar MLA N A Haris at the Deepavali edition of The Indian Artisans Haat, which opened at MG Road on Friday.
DH PHOTO/KISHOR KUMAR BOLAR

Kannada actor Pooja Gandhi admires wooden art.

Haris bought a few items during the visit.

During the inauguration, specially abled children from the Chirantan Foundation captivated the audience with unique dance performances.

According to TIAH co-founders Nagaraj Hundekar and Mohammed Ahmed Khan, the aim is to promote indigenous products and introduce traditional art forms to the younger generation.

As one enters, wooden furniture and decor pieces such as clocks and vases made of sheesham wood with brass detailing from Uttar Pradesh, catch the eye. "You can buy anything from a Rs 20 wooden spoon to a full-set 'jhoola' for Rs 28,000," says a stall representative.

Bracelets, wall panels and statues made of neem wood from Tirupati are priced between Rs 1,500 and Rs 2 lakh, adds Sumantha, a stall representative.

Ceramic kitchenware and home decor from Uttar Pradesh, Agra marble carvings, and Mirzapur rugs are other highlights.

Pattachitra paintings from Odisha, Bhil art from Madhya Pradesh, sustainable products like decor made from wood scraps, and paper products crafted using elephant faeces, make for interesting finds.

Nisha, at a stall showcasing stone-dust paintings from Haryana, says each piece takes about 15-20 days to complete.

Handloom stalls featuring Ilkal saris from Karnataka, Bhagalpuri saris from Bihar, chikankari from Uttar Pradesh, Jamdani from West Bengal, and Ikkat from Telangana are other crowd favourites. Jewellery lovers can browse oxidised ornaments from West Bengal, Jaipur pearls and Lambani jewellery from Karnataka.

The exhibition also includes live demonstrations of Punjabi and Rajasthani jutti-making, as well as a lac bangle-making stall. "I acted in RRR, in a scene with Jr NTR where he joins me in making bangles," Mohammed Saleem, who has a lac and glass bangle store, says proudly.

Classical music and dance performances will be held on weekends.

*The Indian Artisans Haat – Deepavali Edition, until October 19, 10 am to 8 pm, Rangoli Metro Art Center, MG Road.

IN BRIEF

## Illegal mining: Krishna Rau is recovery commissioner

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The state government has appointed retired IAS officer G V Krishna Rau as the 'recovery commissioner' for "seizure, attachment, forfeiture of properties derived from illegal mining activities."

Rau, a 1982-batch officer who retired as an additional chief secretary, will get a monthly salary of Rs 2.95 lakh.

This includes a basic pay of Rs 1.04 lakh, dearness allowance of Rs 1.30 lakh and house rent allowance of Rs 60,750.

## UKP-3: Order issued on land acquisition

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The state government on Thursday issued an order on consent award rates for the acquisition of 1.33 lakh acres under the Upper Krishna Project-3 (UKP).

Lands that will be submerged will get Rs 30 lakh per acre (dry land) and Rs 40 lakh (wet land).

Canal lands will get Rs 25 lakh (dry) and Rs 30 lakh (wet).

This will result in an additional expenditure of Rs 75,000 crore over four years, requiring Rs 18,000 crore annually.


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# MP suggests trams as metro last-mile link for B'luru CBD, ORR

BENGALURU, DHNS

Tejasvi Surya

Bangalore South MP LS Tejasvi Surya has proposed a modern tram system as a solution to fix the first- and last-mile connectivity issues plaguing Namma Metro. A feasibility study on the same is set be launched in two weeks.

Speaking at a symposium on urban mobility here on Friday, the MP said that he had met the union ministers for railways and housing and urban affairs last week to discuss the matter.

"To both of them, I have made one specific suggestion for Bengaluru. I have asked them to conduct a feasibility study to launch modern metro-like or tram systems in Bengaluru as a viable first-mile, last-mile pre-metro connectivity option," he said. Surya has drawn inspiration from his travels abroad and his research on global urban mobility solutions.

Having reached out to both the ministers — Manohar Lal Khattar and Ashwini Vaishnaw — he has proposed to pilot the trams in the Central Business District (CBD) and the 17-km stretch of the Outer Ring Road (ORR), which is densely populated with tech parks.

Explaining how his proposed mobility solution would work, Surya said: "From your house to your main road, you either walk because you have good footpaths available, or use infrastructure like electric vehicles to get to the main road, and from the main road to the metro station, you can have a functional tram system that can actually carry much larger number of people than individual buses or private vehicles."

The feasibility study is set to be launched in two weeks, with the railway minister already having asked Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) to look into the matter. "The agency on behalf of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, is yet to be appointed. While both ministries would look into the matter, it would be easier to deal with the project at a municipal level if the urban affairs ministry takes it up, rather than the railways," a well-placed source told *DH*.

Surya stressed the need to move away from the mindset of catering urban infrastructure only for cars.

"Our infrastructure planning is oriented towards moving cars and not towards moving people. This needs to change," he said, also stressing the importance of strong urban local governance institutions.

# 'No more BMTC monopoly': Calls grow to allow pvt buses in B'luru

## BMTC has failed city: Pai; Surya says it's shackling urban mobility options

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

In a bid to improve public transport in Bengaluru, there has been a noticeable push to allow private companies to operate bus services within the city limits, with urban experts, industry leaders and even politicians backing the move.

Mohandas Pai

During a fireside chat at a mobility symposium on Friday, former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai called for dismantling the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) monopoly on bus services in the city.

Calling the BMTC a "failed" organisation, he suggested that allowing popular cab aggregators to run buses would help improve the city's traffic issues by putting more public transport vehicles on the roads.

"The BMTC has been a failure in Bengaluru. They have not been able to solve the public transport system. It is time for the government to re-examine the workings of this agency. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure there are enough transport facilities for citizens. Their job is not to become a service provider and run a company. That's an archaic system. Moving from this, they must open up the sector to private operators," Pai later told *DH*, adding that the government could continue operating the BMTC for "free services as a social programme".

At the fireside chat, urban expert R K Misra was also in agreement with Pai's suggestions.

With a fleet of about 7,000 buses the BMTC ferries approximately 48 lakh passengers every day. DH FILE PHOTO

Speaking at the event, Bangalore South MP L S Tejasvi Surya stressed the importance of the same.

"In the last 15 years, the BMTC's fleet size has nearly stagnated while the city's population has increased. The city's narrow roads also need smaller buses. But there is a 1970s legislation that does not allow for private transport players to operate in the city. This socialist residue is not only keeping India's economy slow, it is also shackling our urban mobility options," Tejasvi Surya said.

### They only think of profits: Transport minister

Those suggesting that the plying of bus services in the city be opened up to the private sector do not prioritise public welfare.

"These people are only in favour of private companies. They are thinking of profits. The Congress government does not align with these views," said Ramalinga Reddy, Transport Minister.

With a fleet of about 7,000 buses, ferrying approximately 48 lakh passengers every day, the BMTC is one of the backbones of public transport in the city, he noted. "Instead of worrying about the BMTC, BJP politicians must rather look at how public transport buses function in their own states. Apart from Maharashtra, the public bus systems are failing in almost all their states. They come nowhere close to the BMTC," he asserted.

RAMALINGA REDDY
Transport minister

"These people are only in favour of private companies. They are thinking of profits. The Congress government does not align with these views.

# HC upholds death sentence to convicts in 2017 'honour' killing

**KALABURAGI, DHNS:** The Kalaburagi bench of Karnataka High Court has upheld the death sentence awarded by Vijayapura 3rd additional district and sessions court to the two convicts in the 2017 honour killing case in Gundakanal village of Muddebihal taluk.

Banu Begum Attar had Sayabanna Konnur, belonging to a Scheduled Tribe. This angered Banu Begum's family. The couple had returned to the village after staying for a few months in Goa. Meanwhile, Banu Begum's brothers Ibrahim Saab Attar and Akbar Saab Attar set Sayabanna's house on fire. They also attacked the couple. Ibrahim Saab poured kerosene on his sister, while Akbar Saab set her on fire. Banu Begum, who was 9 months pregnant, died of serious burns.

The Vijayapura sessions court, which conducted the trial, had awarded capital punishment to both brothers and also sentenced Banu Begum's mother, three other brothers and two of their relatives to life imprisonment.

The convicts had appealed to the HC challenging the order. The division bench had upheld the death sentence the sessions court.

# 'Need innovative solutions for better public transport'

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Bengaluru's traffic woes are a consequence of its growth, and it's a good problem to solve, said IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge at the 'Mobility Symposium 2025' hosted by MoveInSync in the city on Friday.

Underscoring Bengaluru's reputation as an innovation hub, Priyank said, "To set the issue in context, close to 77.92 million square feet of office space was sold to global capability centres (GCCs) in the top seven cities last year. Out of that, 47% was in Bengaluru alone. Just this year, till September, we have sold close to 14.5 million square feet to GCCs alone. This is the growth we are seeing. We absorb the highest number of migrants because we are creating jobs here."

Priyank Kharge

Priyank stressed the need for the public transport system to be fixed to accommodate the growing city's needs. "We need our public transport corporations to talk to people to understand what their problem is. We need innovative solutions on how we can make public transport better. Right now, less than 50% of our people use public transportation. By 2027 or 2028, we want to increase it to around 70%. That is, seven out of every 10 rides should be by public transport. We are trying to have more buses," he said.

The event featured various panel discussions and spotlight talks involving industry leaders, mobility experts and policy makers.

One such spotlight talk was given by GBA Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao on 'GBA and the Future of Bengaluru's Mobility - Building a City that Moves', wherein he touched on the agency's goal of making streets safer for pedestrians and decongesting Bengaluru's roads by enabling a modal shift. Some of the interesting panel discussions at the event included 'Commuter Infrastructure - What Indian Cities Need Now', and 'Corporate Impact on Urban Mobility'.

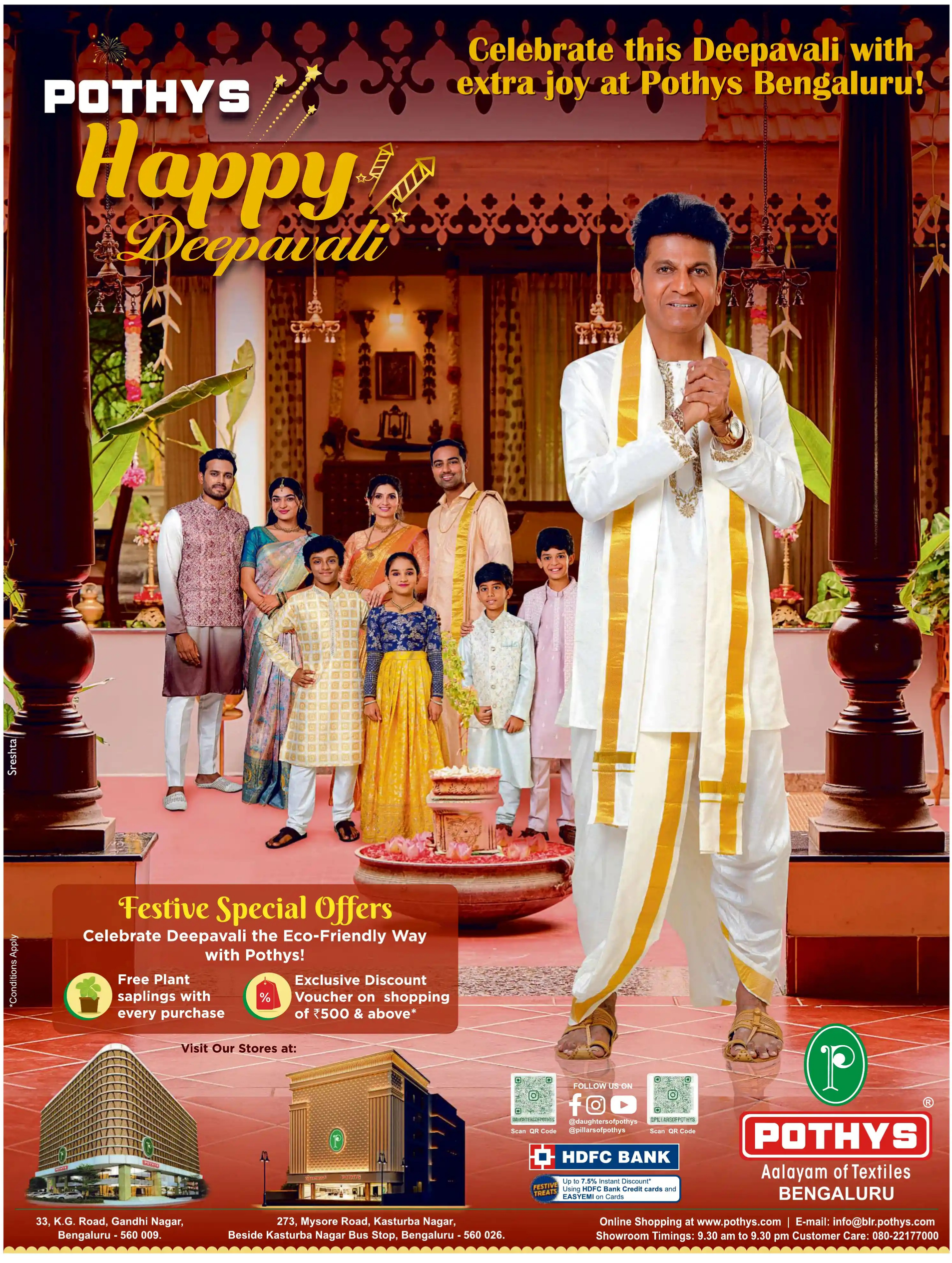
The event ended with MoveInSync's CEO Deepesh Agarwal expressing his firm's commitment to fostering continuous dialogue toward safer, smarter, and more inclusive cities. "If one day in a week, each of us chooses an option to reach our workplace without using a car, by walking, cycling, metro, bus, or even carpooling with a colleague, we could reduce traffic by at least 20%," he added.

# Over 40k cases pending before Information Commission

**YADGIR, DHNS:** As many as 40,040 cases are pending before the Karnataka Information Commission (KIC), the highest being 9,211 from Bengaluru Urban, according to KIC Commissioner Dr Harish Kumar.

Addressing a press meet in Yadgir on Friday, the Commissioner said that 3,570 cases from Belagavi, 2,220 from Raichur, 2,151 from Bagalkot and 2,103 cases from Kolar are to be disposed of. Kodagu has lowest number (45) of pending cases, he said.

Badruddin K, another Commissioner of the KIC, said that the deputy commissioners have been asked to dispose of RTI applications in the department-wise progress review meetings. The Commission has also suggested bringing RTI applications under Karnataka Development Programme meetings, he added.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## State govt to set up innovation clusters

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"Our ecosystem leads globally in AI skill penetration and R&D output, ranking among the top five AI cities worldwide. What sets us apart is our 3P model of People, Policy and Participation, which ensures every stakeholder, from academia to entrepreneurs, has a voice in shaping growth," he added.

Delivering the special address, Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development & Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Karnataka, emphasised that innovation must be viewed as the very core of enterprise and policy alike.

She underscored Karnataka's commitment to fostering such an ecosystem through proactive policy support, partnerships and programmes that translate ideas into scalable outcomes, reinforcing the state's position as India's innovation epicentre.

# Speculations rife over CM's closed-door meeting with Dalit ministers

## Mahadevappa plays down meeting, says nothing political

BENGALURU, DHNS

Amid the speculations of Cabinet rejig and change of chief minister, three senior Dalit ministers - G Parameshwara, Satish Jarkiholi and H C Mahadevappa - held a closed-door meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah Thursday late night.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Mahadevappa said, "Thursday late night meeting with the CM was nothing political. For now, Siddaramaiah will continue as chief minister. Everything is left to the high command's discretion.

When asked about his closed-door meeting with G Parameshwara and Satish Jarkiholi, Mahadevappa said, "It was a casual, non-political meeting. There's no need to read too much into Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's banquet for his Cabinet colleagues scheduled for October 13. It is neither a farewell nor a welcome meet...," he said.

With the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government reaching halfway mark in November, the leadership change talks have started gaining steam to 'November revolution' referred to by a section of ruling party leaders including veteran leader K N Rajanna.

Replying to a query on this, Home Minister G Parameshwara, an aspirant for the CM post, said, "Who said there will be a November revolution? I don't know..."

Speculations are rife about the change of guard in the state when the Congress government reaches the halfway mark of its five-year term in November, which is being referred to by some as "November revolution".

Reacting to the developments, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi said, "What is special about the dinner meeting called by the chief minister? There are many aspirants for ministerial berths in the party. The CM and the high command will decide on the cabinet reshuffle. Everyone, including the CM, has to abide by the decision."

### Section of ministers plans 'Delhi Chalo'

**A group of ministers is expected to travel to Delhi in November 2nd or 3rd week to pressure the high command on KPCC leadership change. A section of leaders is of the opinion that change of guard at KPCC would dent Shivakumar's chances of becoming the CM.**

### Iqbal Hussain bats for DKS

Meanwhile, D K Shivakumar's loyalists continue to publicly back their leader. Despite warnings from the high command not to make any public comment on leadership change, Iqbal Hussain, Ramanagara Congress MLA, continued to bat for Shivakumar to become the CM.

"Shivakumar will become the chief minister. It's my personal opinion. I have informed the high command... I have said it in the past and that's my stand even today. The high command will ultimately make a decision," he told reporters in Koppal.

## 12 charged with sending 'obscene' messages to actor Ramya

### Charge sheet does not specify if accused are Darshan fans

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) has charged 12 people in the case pertaining to obscene messages sent to Kannada actor-turned-politician Ramya on social media.

The 380-page charge sheet, filed before the 45th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court, contains screenshots of the messages, the IP addresses used by the accused and other digital evidence collected during the investigation. Ramya's statement, along with detailed confessions of the 12 arrested accused, has been included too.

With six more accused absconding, the CCB plans to file an additional charge sheet after making more arrests.

The charge sheet does not specify if all the accused are Darshan's fans.

Writing on X and Instagram in July this year, Ramya had sought justice in the Renukaswamy murder case, in which Kannada film star Darshan Thoogudeepa is the prime accused. Sharing a news article, she had opined that Renukaswamy's family must get justice.

However, cyber bullies — believed to be Darshan's fan — were not amused. They sent Ramya a barrage of derogatory, obscene and vulgar messages, threatening murder, rape and coercion.

Ramya filed a police complaint on July 28. The cybercrime police registered an FIR under sections 66 and 67 of IT Act and 351(2), 351(3), 352, 75(1)(4), and 79 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Police arrested 12 individuals, including Obanna, Gangadhar, Rajesh, Bhuvan Gowda, Manjunath, Pramod Gowda and Santosh, from different parts of the state.

During questioning, the accused told the police that they wanted to become famous by sending such messages.

## Girl killed in Mysuru: KCPCR registers suo motu case

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has registered a suo motu case in the rape and murder of a nine-year-old girl reported in Mysuru on Thursday.

In the communication to the Mysuru district administration, the commission has sought action taken report in the case within seven days and also the details on the help extended to the victim's family by the district administration.

## GBA to be B'luru's primary planning authority

GBA, From Page 1

Along with this, the GBA will also have the authority to approve development plans, layouts and changes in land use.

While the GBA will control an area of 719 square kilometres, the BDA will continue to retain planning powers for about 500 square kilometres — areas considered less significant due to limited development.

While the chief minister is expected to chair the 75-member committee meeting once every three months, he approved the formation of an executive committee, which will be headed by the Bengaluru Development Minister and will meet monthly.

Apart from planning powers, the GBA will also take charge of handling files related to transferable development rights (TDR), a responsibility that was previously held by the BDA. "These decisions were approved in the CM-led meeting today," Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar told reporters. Directions were also issued to all five newly carved corporations to submit their draft annual budgets to the GBA for approval. The meeting emphasised that each corporation must be financially independent.

Tentatively, Bengaluru East is expected to generate the highest revenue (Rs 912 crore), while the North Corporation will have the lowest (Rs 543 crore). The remaining corporations are expected to have the following tentative budget sizes: South — Rs 733 crore, Central — Rs 659 crore, and West — Rs 580 crore.

The committee also directed parastatal agencies — such as BESCOM, BWSSB, BMTC, Bengaluru Traffic Police, and the Fire Department — to appoint a point of contact at each of the five corporation levels and across ten zones for better coordination. The GBA will also establish a central coordination committee to enhance cooperation between the authority and the corporations.

## Why was CM made chief of GBA, asks Ashoka

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** After Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chaired the first meeting of the newly formed Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) on Friday, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka slammed the Congress government's decision making the CM the chairperson of the GBA.

"Why are five corporations needed? You are the planning authority. Here, the CM will send proposals to himself, much like transferring something from the hand to the pocket. It is the mayor who should send proposals to the government after the local council's approval," said Ashoka.

The 74th Amendment to the Constitution is the 'Bhagavad Gita' for the local bodies, said the LoP. "The Mayor is the supreme authority for the new corporation. But the government is altering this so the CM has the final say on matters," said Ashoka. Ashoka sought to know if the government considered 'potholes' to be a sign of development. "There are heaps of trash lying by the side of the Outer Ring Road. Such being the case, what was the purpose of the GBA meeting," asked Ashoka.

## CM to officials: Brace for possible funds crunch

Funds, From Page 1

"Achieving a consistent 40% growth to offset the potential shortfall is a tough challenge. Hence, discussions were held regarding alternative stringent measures," the source informed.

"Even with strict collection and efficiency, bridging the massive shortfall is difficult under current conditions. Opinions were expressed at the meeting that placing non-essential programmes in 'suspended status' was among the easier options," revealed the source.

Siddaramaiah reportedly expressed strong displeasure against excise department officials and said legal and technical hurdles must be resolved quickly and excise licences should be auctioned. A base price must be fixed for each licence and 500 excise licences should be auctioned to resume transactions, he insisted, according to sources.

### CM's instructions

- Continuous monitoring of tax evasion and underpayment
- Inspection of goods transport vehicles across the state including areca nut
- Periodic review of bank transactions of GST TIN holders
- Under advanced technology, detection of e-way bill violations and transaction authenticity
- Surveillance on abnormal transactions and large fund transfers
- If leakage or evasion is confirmed, issue notice proactively
- Curb misuse of inactive GST TIN numbers
- Improve collection in excise, registration, and motor vehicle taxes

## Filmmakers livid...

Subsidy, From Page 1

Many among the remaining films are made on shoe-string budgets of Rs 4 to 5 lakh, only with an eye on the Rs 10 lakh subsidy, Alvares said. "Films in regional languages depend on subsidies as it is difficult for them to get theatre and OTT releases," he observed.

"Karnataka must emulate Kerala or Maharashtra's film subsidy policy," said Abhaya Simha, director of four national award winning films, including Paddayi (Tulu). In Kerala, directors of quality films get packages to use the Kerala State Film Development Corporation's (KSFDC) facilities at Chitranjali Studio in Thiruvananthapuram. "Subsidies are also offered for dubbing and post-production there," he said.

Parents help their kids to cross the railway track after the overnight rain flooded the underpass at Khadripur in Kolar, on Friday. DH PHOTO

## Overnight rain leaves Kolar, Mandya waterlogged

BENGALURU, DHNS

Thundershowers continued to lash several parts of north and south interior Karnataka on Friday. Heavy overnight rain inundated several residential areas, roads and rail underpasses in Kolar.

Skies opened up on Thursday evening and it continued to pour until the early hours of Friday. The students, office-goers and the daily wagers at Khadripur were forced to cross the railway tracks after the overnight showers left the underpass flooded.. Members of a people's organisation staged a semi-nude protest in waist-high water at the underpass alleging apathy by the civic bodies in fixing the problem.

Rainwater mixed with sewage flooded the roads while a few residential areas turned islands owing to the poor drainage system.

Srinivaspur town in Kolar district also experienced heavy rains, causing grave hardships to the residents in the low-lying areas. In Bagepalli town, Chikkaballapur district, a daily wager died after falling into a pit filled with rainwater. The deceased has been identified as Ramanji (45), a native of Dasaralahalli

Heavy rain in the intervening night of Thursday and Friday flooded KHB Colony in Mandya. Acres of paddy crops in Mandya taluk have been damaged.

Parts of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Tumakuru and Davangere also experienced incessant rain on Thursday night.

## PIL challenges splitting Mahadevapura assembly segment under GBA

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Karnataka High Court has ordered notice to the state government in a PIL challenging the division of the Mahadevapura assembly constituency between the East City Corporation and the South City Corporation.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha has posted the petition for further consideration on December 17.

The petitioners, PS Harish and Dileep Kumar R, residents of Sarjapur Road in Bengaluru East taluk, have challenged the September 2 notification constituting five city corporations and implementing zonal classification.

Following the enactment of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, the state government had issued a preliminary notification on July 19, proposing zonal classification and specifying areas falling under each corporation while inviting objections. The petitioners claimed that in the Mahadevapura assembly constituency, a small portion has been placed under the Bengaluru South Corporation, while a larger portion remains within Bengaluru East Corporation.

The petitioners said they had submitted objections on August 14, pointing out the divisions within the Mahadevapura assembly constituency. They argued that such divisions could cause serious electoral complications. They said that splitting villages, wards, and portions of a single ward between two corporations undermines the accuracy of voter rolls, risks disenfranchising legitimate voters, and complicates the logistics of conducting free and fair elections.

"Moreover, residents of a single assembly constituency are now subjected to multiple administrative and political structures, creating a representation crisis and weakening coherent political accountability," the petition said.

Senior advocate D R Ravishankar, appearing for the petitioners, argued that the bifurcation of the Mahadevapura assembly constituency is arbitrary and violates Section 26(3) of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act.

He said that villages, including Ambalipura, Harlur, Kailondrahalli, Kasavanahalli, KPCL Layout, Junnasandra, and Doddakannelli, were unilaterally divided between the South and East City Corporations despite objections being submitted.

He said that Section 26(3) mandates that the state shall make every endeavour to ensure that an assembly constituency is not split across multiple corporations.

## Nomadic community threatens dharna at AICC HQ

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Karnataka Scheduled Caste Nomadic Communities Federation has announced an indefinite dharna in front of the AICC headquarter here from Saturday to condemn the "injustice| faced by nomadic communities following the Karnataka government's announcement of new internal reservation for Scheduled Caste.

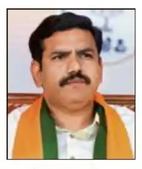
Speaking at a press conference on Friday, federation office-bearers said that Congress government in Karnataka has done injustice to them in the internal reservation. "As a last resort, we have come to knock on Delhi's doors. We have been waiting patiently for 10 days seeking an audience with top Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi. We are determined not to return without securing our rightful 1% reservation."

Basavaraj Narayankar, a member of the community said that, in around 22 caste groups, not even one person has ever gone to school, while in another 17, no one has gone beyond 5th grade. Siddaramaiah, who speaks about social justice and projects himself as the champion of backward classes, claimed he cannot help us at all."

"When we protested at Jantar Mantar for reservation for the past few days, some congress leaders held talks with us, but no clear assurances have been given so far. We are waiting to meet AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi to share our grievances. We will return only after meeting Congress's top leaders and securing our rights," he said.

## Govt did not prepare for caste census: BYV

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Karnataka BJP president B Y Vijayendra on Friday said that the state government had been unduly hasty in ordering the Social and Educational Survey – caste census – without preparing the ground for such a vast exercise.



Vijayendra

Pointing to teachers facing problems while conducting the survey, Vijayendra said, "Extension of holidays so teachers can complete the survey is causing problems for government school students in rural areas. Each day at school is crucial for children but the government has extended the vacation, disrupting academic activities."

Expressing dismay over the condition of Bengaluru's roads, Vijayendra said, "The people of Bengaluru are disgusted with this government. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar is busy counting potholes near the PM's residence, while Bengaluru's citizens are struggling to find the road amidst all the potholes. The people of Bengaluru want immediate action and not empty promises."

The Karnataka BJP chief opined that the administrative machinery in the state was in disarray under the Congress. "Heavy rain in North Karnataka has plunged the farmers in distress. Neither the Agriculture nor the Revenue minister has visited the affected regions. If you don't have time to visit aggrieved farmers, you should not remain ministers. The opposition parties called on the affected people, while the CM took decisions via video-conference while sitting in an AC cabin," said Vijayendra.

# With China, Pak in mind, Delhi boosts Kabul ties

Kabul, From Page 1

"We consider this act of Pakistan a big mistake. Afghanistan has peace and progress after 40 years. No one should have a problem with it," Muttaqi said on Friday.

"We want better relations with India and Pakistan, but it cannot be one-sided...The courage of Afghans should not be tested. If someone wants to do this, they should ask the Soviet Union, America and NATO, so that they can explain that it is not good to play games with Afghanistan," he told journalists.

"We look at India as a close friend," Muttaqi said, as he sat in a conference hall of the embassy against a wall that had a picture of the ancient statues of Lord Buddha at Bamiyan in Afghanistan, taken before they had been destroyed by the Taliban in March 2001. "Afghanistan wants relations based on mutual respect, trade and people-to-people relations. We are ready to create a consultative mechanism of understanding, which helps towards strengthening our relations."

Muttaqi is the first Afghan Taliban leader to be publicly hosted by India. His meeting with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was India's highest-level engagement with the Taliban in 25 years. "India is fully committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Afghanistan. Closer cooperation between us contributes to your national development, as well as regional stability and resilience. To enhance that, I am pleased to announce today the upgrading of India's Technical Mission in Kabul to the status of Embassy of India," Jaishankar told Muttaqi.

Muttaqi dismissed as 'propaganda' the allegation that the Taliban government in Afghanistan was denying basic rights and freedoms to women. No woman was among the journalists who were invited to the press conference he had in New Delhi on Friday, though.

He appreciated India's assistance in the construction and maintenance of the Salma Dam in Herat. The two sides also underscored the importance of sustainable water management and agreed on India's support for hydroelectric projects to address the energy needs and support the agricultural development of Afghanistan.

Jaishankar formally handed over to Muttaqi five of the 20 ambulances India decided to gift Afghanistan. India expressed its willingness to assist the Afghan government in reconstructing residential buildings in the earthquake-affected areas.

India will also build a thalassemia centre and a modern diagnostic Centre in Afghanistan, in addition to replacing the heating system at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health in Kabul. India will construct a 30-bed hospital in Kabul's Bagrami district, an oncology centre and a trauma centre in Kabul, and five maternity clinics in the provinces of Khost and Paktia. They discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in sports, especially cricket, to advance cultural interactions.

## ◆ WEATHER ◆

**Overview:** Rainfall occurred at many places over South Interior and North Interior Karnataka and some places over Coastal Karnataka
**Forecast Oct 11:** Rainfall to occur at some places over the state.

**INTERIOR NORTH**

| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Belagavi | 28.8 | 21 | 00 |
| Bidar | 31 | 19 | 00 |
| Vijayapura | 30 | 20.4 | 00 |
| Dharwad | 28.5 | 21.5 | 09 |
| Haveri | 28.2 | 22.6 | 1.4 |
| Kalaburagi | 33.5 | 22.2 | 00 |
| Raichur | 32.4 | 22 | 00 |
| **COASTAL** | | | |
| Honnavar | 31.6 | 22.8 | 5.7 |
| Karwar | 33.4 | 25.8 | 00 |
| Shirali | NA | NA | NA |
| Mangaluru | 31.9 | 25.4 | 0.3 |

**INTERIOR SOUTH**

| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agumbe | 28.9 | 20.7 | 1.5 |
| Bengaluru | 29.9 | 19.7 | 7.8 |
| Ballari | NA | NA | NA |
| Chamarajanagar | NA | NA | NA |
| Chikkamagaluru | NA | NA | NA |
| Chitradurga | 29 | 20.1 | 13 |
| Davangere | 28.5 | 19.5 | 00 |
| Hassan | 29.8 | NA | 19.5 |
| Mysuru | 32 | 24 | 52 |
| Madikeri | NA | NA | NA |
| Kolar | 30 | 18.6 | 81.2 |

**OTHER STATIONS**

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|---|---|---|---|
| New Delhi | 29.9 | 18.8 | 00 |
| Kolkata | 32.8 | 25.4 | 18 |
| Mumbai | 32.8 | 23 | 00 |
| Chennai | 33.3 | 24.4 | 00 |
| Pune | 31.9 | 19.5 | 00 |
| Hyderabad | 30.7 | 20 | 00 |
| Th'puram | 34 | 24.7 | 00 |

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| ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ | ಗ್ರಾಮ | ನಿವೇಶನದ ಅಳತೆ | ನಿವೇಶನದ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ | 2023–24ರ ಸಾಲಿನ ಉಪನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ಚ.ಮೀಗಳ ಬೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ | 2023–24ರ ಸಾಲಿನ ಉಪನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ನಿವೇಶನದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೌಲ್ಯ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | 30 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವರ್ಷ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.1–00 ರಂತೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೊಬಲಗು | ನಿವೇಶನ ಕೋರಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಮೊಬಲಗು | | |
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| | | ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ | ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ | | | | ನೋಂದಣಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿ (ನಿವೇಶನದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೊತ್ತದ ಶೇಕಡಾ 10ರಷ್ಟು) ಮೊಬಲಗು (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಒಟ್ಟು (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) (ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿ (ನಿವೇಶನದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೊತ್ತದ ಶೇಕಡಾ 10ರಷ್ಟು) ಮತ್ತು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ |
| 1 | ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ ಮಹಜೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ.**45/1,3–7** ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಸೌನಿ | 44.85+67.76/2 x 27.2+22.4/2ಮೀ | 1396.00 | 7,000–00 | 97,72,000–00 | 1396–00 | 2,000–00 | 9,77,200–00 | 9,79,200–00 |
| 2 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**15/1, 16/6** ಮತ್ತು **10** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಸಿ.ಎ–**1** | – | 421.13 ಚ.ಮೀ | 8,000–00 | 33,69,040–00 | 421.00 | 1000–00 | 3,36,904–00 | 3,37,904–00 |
| 3 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**15/1, 16/6** ಮತ್ತು **10** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಸಿ.ಎ–**2** | – | 589.88 ಚ.ಮೀ | 8,000–00 | 47,19,040–00 | 590.00 | 1000–00 | 4,71,904–00 | 4,72,904–00 |
| 4 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಅವರಗೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**193/3**ಎರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಸಿ.ಎ | 10.99+10.80/2 x 15.87+16.2/2ಮೀ | 174.70 ಚ.ಮೀ | 9,000–00 | 15,72,300–00 | 175.00 | 1000–00 | 1,57,230–00 | 1,58,230–00 |
| 5 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**50/1, 50/2, 50/3** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಸಿ.ಎ | 30.1+30.3/2 x 18.0+14.8ಮೀ | 495.28 ಚ.ಮೀ | 8,000–00 | 39,62,240–00 | 495.00 | 1000–00 | 3,96,224–00 | 3,97,224–00 |
| 6 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೇತೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**150/1** & **151/11** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಸಿ.ಎ | 6.47+19.03/2 x 32.70+34.45/2ಮೀ | 442.62 ಚ.ಮೀ | 3,500–00 | 15,49,170–00 | 443.00 | 1000–00 | 1,54,917–00 | 1,55,917–00 |
| 7 | ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಹಜೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ. **39/10** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 28.00+29.15/2 x 15.20+13.60/2ಮೀ | 411.40 ಚ.ಮೀ | 7,000–00 | 28,79,800–00 | 412.00 | 1000–00 | 2,87,980–00 | 2,88,980–00 |
| 8 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**230/5** & **6**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 33.97+34.40/2 x 10.0+8.35/2ಮೀ | 313.60 ಚ.ಮೀ | 8,000–00 | 25,08,800–00 | 314.00 | 1000–00 | 2,50,880–00 | 2,51,880–00 |
| 9 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಅವರಗೊಳ್ಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**47/1, 4** & **5** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 52.88+52.50/2 x 24.50+30.59/2ಮೀ | 1451.34 ಚ.ಮೀ | 3,000–00 | 43,54,020–00 | 1452.00 | 2,000–00 | 4,35,402–00 | 4,37,402–00 |
| 10 | ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಹಜೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ. **71/1ಬಿ1ಎ** & **71/1ಎ** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 70.69+69.96/2 x 19.10+19.16/2ಮೀ | 1345.32 | 7,000.00 | 94,17,240–00 | 1345.32 | 2,000–00 | 9,41,724–00 | 9,43,724–00 |
| 11 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**6/5, 6** & **7**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 18.4+18.5/2 x 20.2+20.3/2ಮೀ | 373.61 | 8,000.00 | 29,88,880–00 | 373.61 | 1,000–00 | 2,98,888–00 | 2,99,888–00 |
| 12 | ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಹಜೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ. **13/6** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 40.72+40.78/2 x 12.8ಮೀ | 521.6 | 7,000.00 | 36,51,200–00 | 521.6 | 1,000–00 | 3,65,120–00 | 3,66,120–00 |
| 13 | ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಹಜೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ. **39/10** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ಸಿಎ–**1** | 29.15+28.20/2 x 15.4+13.6/2ಮೀ | 415.78 | 7,000.00 | 29,10,460–00 | 415.78 | 1,000–00 | 2,91,046–00 | 2,92,046–00 |
| 14 | ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಹಜೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿ.ಸ.ನಂ. **39/10** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ಸಿಎ–**2** | 28.00+29.15/2 x 15.20+13.60/2ಮೀ | 101.26 | 7,000.00 | 7,08,820–00 | 101.26 | 1,000–00 | 70,882–00 | 71,882–00 |
| 15 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**71/5, 6** & **7**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 30.85 x 15.5+15.4/2ಮೀ | 476.63 | 8,000.00 | 38,13,040–00 | 476.63 | 1,000–00 | 3,81,304–00 | 3,82,304–00 |
| 16 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**26/2, 3** & **12**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 20.60+20.55/2 x 16.25+16.15/2ಮೀ | 333.315 | 8,000.00 | 26,66,520–00 | 333.315 | 1,000–00 | 2,66,652–00 | 2,67,652–00 |
| 17 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**45/2**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 1/2 x 30.60 x 25.6 ಮೀ | 391.68 | 8,000.00 | 31,33,440–00 | 391.68 | 1,000–00 | 3,13,344–00 | 3,14,344–00 |
| 18 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಆನೆಕೊಂಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**43/1ಬಿ, 1ಜಿ, 1ಡಿ** ಮತ್ತು **50/2** ರಿಂದ **5**ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | – | 456.12 | 7,000–00 | 31,92,840–00 | 457.00 | 1,000–00 | 3,19,284–00 | 3,20,284–00 |
| 19 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**119/4, 7** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 16.51+17.23/2 x 15.67+15.65/2ಮೀ | 219.53 | 7,000–00 | 15,36,710–00 | 220.00 | 1,000–00 | 1,53,671–00 | 1,54,671–00 |
| 20 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಾಬನೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**249/9** & **10** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 9.14 x 59.00 ಮೀ | 536.20 | 9,000–00 | 48,25,800–00 | 537.00 | 1,000–00 | 4,82,580–00 | 4,83,580–00 |
| 21 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**117/3, 118/3, 117/2ಎ4, 117/4, 118/2** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 27.44 x 28.04 ಮೀ | 769.41 | 8,000–00 | 61,55,280–00 | 770.00 | 1,000–00 | 6,15,528–00 | 6,16,528–00 |
| 22 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**253/4** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 23.92+0.00/2 x 32.65+41.50/2ಮೀ | 390.13 | 8,000–00 | 31,20,240–00 | 391.00 | 1,000–00 | 3,12,024–00 | 3,13,024–00 |
| 23 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಾಬನೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**241/1ಎ6** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 19.85+19.18/2 x 6.96+ 5.91/2ಮೀ | 125.58 | 9,000–00 | 11,30,220–00 | 126.00 | 1,000–00 | 1,13,022–00 | 1,14,022–00 |
| 24 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**155/1** & **156/1** ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 28.87+0.00/2 x 34.71+25.69/2ಮೀ | 699.00 | 8,000–00 | 55,92,000–00 | 700.00 | 1,000–00 | 5,59,200–00 | 5,60,200–00 |
| 25 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಅವರಗೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**223/10, 11, 9, 2**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 31.80+30.20/2 x 23.20+22.85/2 | 713.77 | 9,000–00 | 64,23,930–00 | 713.77 | 1,000.00 | 6,42,393–00 | 6,43,393–00 |
| 26 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**136/2**ಎ ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 64.30+65.10/2 x 18.30+19.10/2 | 1209.89 | 4,000–00 | 48,39,560–00 | 1210.00 | 2,000–00 | 4,83,956–00 | 4,85,956–00 |
| 27 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**187/3,4,5,6, 186/15** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಿಎ–**1** | 24.65+0/2 x 55.45+50.15/2 | 657.38 | 4,000–00 | 26,29,520–00 | 657.00 | 1,000–00 | 2,62,952–00 | 2,63,952–00 |
| 28 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**187/3,4,5,6, 186/15** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಿಎ–**2** | 19.88+17.0/2 x 36.60+36.70/2 | 674.66 | 4,000–00 | 26,98,640–00 | 675.00 | 1,000–00 | 2,69,864–00 | 2,70,864–00 |
| 29 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**95/7,8,9,10,11** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 57.80+58.81/2 x 12.10+12.80/2 | 724.86 | 4,000–00 | 28,99,440–00 | 725.00 | 1,000–00 | 2,89,944–00 | 2,90,944–00 |
| 30 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**280/2** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 10.50+10.30/2 x 75.70+75.75/2 | 787.54 | 4,000–00 | 31,50,160–00 | 788.00 | 1,000–00 | 3,15,016–00 | 3,16,016–00 |
| 31 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**242/1** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 6.10+20.80/2 x 31.30+27.80/2 | 373.39 | 4,000–00 | 14,93,560–00 | 373.00 | 1,000–00 | 1,49,356–00 | 1,50,356–00 |
| 32 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**135/5,6,7,8** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 26.40+27.30/2 x 49.80+49.10/2 | 1342.56 | 4,000–00 | 53,70,240–00 | 1343.00 | 2,000–00 | 5,37,024–00 | 5,39,024–00 |
| 33 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೊಡ್ಡಬಾತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**191/1** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 18.98+15.73/2 * 20.78+24.29/2 | 390.98 | 4,000–00 | 15,63,920–00 | 391.00 | 1,000–00 | 1,56,392–00 | 1,57,392–00 |
| 34 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**39/5** ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 17.70+17.70/2 * 14.80+14.70/2 | 261.07 | 8,000–00 | 20,88,560–00 | 261.00 | 1,000–00 | 2,08,856–00 | 2,09,856–00 |
| 35 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**24/1**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 14.74+20.86/2 x 22.05+19.66/2 | 361.00 | 8,000.00 | 28,88,000–00 | 361.00 | 1,000–00 | 2,88,800–00 | 2,89,800–00 |
| 36 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**28/1ಎ3**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 12.20+11.70/2 x 44.30+44.20/2 | 528.78 | 8,000.00 | 42,30,240–00 | 529.00 | 1,000–00 | 4,23,024–00 | 4,24,024–00 |
| 37 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ:**39/3** & **51/2**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | 14.50+25.80/2 x 45.50+47.60/2 | 921.96 | 8,000–00 | 73,75,680–00 | 922.00 | 1,000–00 | 7,37,568–00 | 7,38,568–00 |
| 38 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**19/4, 5, 6, 20/2, 21/2**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಿ.ಎ–**1** | 24.60+34.58 x 6.40+28.55/2 | 514.50 | 8,000.00 | 41,16,000–00 | 515.00 | 1,000–00 | 4,11,600–00 | 4,12,600–00 |
| 39 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಶಿರಮಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**19/4, 5, 6, 20/2, 21/2**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಿ.ಎ–**2** | 5.10+11.06/2 x 55.10+55.70/2 | 446.54 | 8,000.00 | 35,72,320,00 | 447.00 | 1,000–00 | 3,57,232–00 | 3,58,232–00 |
| 40 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**34/4**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ | – | 500.79 | 8,000.00 | 40,06,320–00 | 500.00 | 1,000–00 | 4,00,632–00 | 4,01,632–00 |
| 41 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**134/2, 9, 11, 14**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಿಎ–**1** | – | 1105.98 | 8,000.00 | 88,47,840–00 | 1110.00 | 2,000–00 | 8,84,784,–00 | 8,86,784–00 |
| 42 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**134/2, 9, 11, 14**ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾದಿರಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಿಎ–**2** | 41.75+59.30/2 x 37.60 | 816.25 | 8,000.00 | 65,30,000–00 | 820 | 1,000–00 | 6,53,000–00 | 6,54,000–00 |
| 43 | ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕುಂದವಾಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಿಸನಂ.**232/2, 

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# Menstrual leave sets bold precedent

The Karnataka cabinet's approval of the Menstrual Leave Policy, 2025, marks an important step towards workplace inclusivity and women's health rights. By granting all women employees one day of paid leave per month during menstruation, totalling twelve days annually, the state has become the first in India to make menstrual leave mandatory across both government and private sectors. The policy covers government offices, IT and garment industries, multinational companies, and other private establishments. Menstrual leave, though not a new concept internationally, has rarely been implemented comprehensively. Japan introduced such a law in 1947, followed by Indonesia, South Korea and Taiwan, though most of these provisions remain unpaid or seldom utilised. Spain became the first European nation to institutionalise paid menstrual leave in 2023, while Zambia followed suit in Africa. In India, Bihar has allowed two days of menstrual leave for government employees since 1992. Karnataka's initiative stands out for its universality, applying across both public and private sectors, thereby setting a national precedent.

This is a welcome and humane decision that acknowledges a biological reality too often ignored in policy-making. Many women experience pain, fatigue or discomfort during their periods, yet continue to work out of fear of stigma or loss of pay. Recognising menstrual health as a legitimate workplace concern affirms both dignity and equality. It also helps dismantle taboos surrounding menstruation and encourages more open, empathetic conversations in workplaces. That said, implementation of this policy will inevitably face challenges. Critics cite the lack of effective verification mechanisms; others worry that it may reinforce gender stereotypes or result in subtle hiring biases against women. These fears, however, reflect deeper societal discomfort rather than flaws in the reform itself. No progressive policy is risk-free, and what matters is the sensitivity with which it is implemented. HR departments must be trained to treat menstrual leave as a matter of health and respect, not indulgence. This will ensure that the spirit of the reform is upheld.

**Landmark policy recognises menstrual health at work, will help dismantle taboos**

The government must also widen its lens to include women in the unorganised sector – farm labourers, domestic workers, and small-scale industry employees – who form over 80% of India's female workforce yet remain outside any formal benefits. Extending healthcare and leave protections to them would make this reform truly inclusive and equitable, ensuring menstrual dignity does not remain a privilege reserved for the salaried few. Karnataka's initiative is both progressive and pragmatic. If implemented with empathy and fairness, it could serve as a model for the rest of India, triggering a quiet revolution in how workplaces value women's well-being.

# Hidden costs of high-carb diets

A new survey on the food habits of Indians, published in *Nature Medicine*, has again flagged risks from unhealthy diets. Findings from the study, conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research-India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB), have traced the increasing burden of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and heart ailments to consumption of unhealthy food. It has been found that carbohydrates contribute over 62% of daily calories in Indian diets. This intake is mainly in the form of white rice, milled whole grains, and sugar. Protein consumption was found as sub-optimal. A general rise in incomes in the country over the past few decades has not translated into healthier diets. While some surveys have shown that consumption of milk, eggs, meat, etc. has gone up among some sections, the average Indian's food habits have not undergone much change. The new study was conducted on a sample of 113,043 adults from all regions and can be considered representative.

India, where hunger was once common, is now marked for its high levels of undernourishment. Food habits and sedentary lifestyles are contributing to obesity among people across social and economic classes. One in five Indian households now may have its adult members classified as overweight. According to the study, high carbohydrate consumption carries 15-30% higher risk of Type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, general obesity, and abdominal obesity. A shift from rice to wheat and millets is not seen as reducing the risk because these too are rich in carbohydrates.

**Study on India's food habits underlines a risky imbalance. Policy must drive dietary reform**

There have been other studies that pointed to the health bomb ticking away in the country. Obesity and attendant health problems have been steadily rising. According to a report published in *The Lancet* last year, about 12.5 million Indian children were overweight in 2022, up from 0.4 million in 1990. Attempts have been made to correct the imbalance in the everyday diet. But much more needs to be done in terms of policy initiatives and awareness campaigns to reduce the intake of carbohydrates, and make the diets balanced and healthier. These efforts must also aim at increasing the proportion of pulses, millets, dairy, eggs and fish, fruits and vegetables, and nuts and seeds in diets. The CBSE's decision, earlier this year, to put up 'sugar boards' in school campuses to alert students to the dangers of high sugar consumption was a welcome move. Ensuring that food is safe and nutritious is the first step towards the goal of a healthy India.

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# Building resilience for the cross-border disaster

Recurring landslides and floods underscore the need for geospatially informed preparedness in Northeast India

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The recent landslides across Darjeeling led to the closure of critical routes such as NH 717E, which connects Sikkim and Siliguri, as roads were washed away and connectivity was severed. This highlights that when vital corridors become untraversable, they transform from arteries of development into chokepoints of vulnerability.

The first week of October saw heavy rainfall triggering widespread landslides across northern West Bengal, claiming lives, shutting down tourist destinations, and causing extensive damage to infrastructure and agricultural land. Failure in one of the gates caused a spillage at Bhutan's Tala Hydropower Dam, putting the Dooars region under flood alert. These events illustrate an essential aspect: the intersection of transboundary disaster risks, local hazards, and impacts of climate change in Northeast India and the neighbouring countries needs attention.

The implications go beyond immediate damages. Hazard vulnerability also carries strategic implications. Northeast India's geographical position, integrated with geopolitical complexities and cross-border dynamics, means disaster vulnerability may create security vulnerability. When roads collapse and communication lines fail, the region becomes not just isolated but exposed. Climate-induced instability in border areas can create scenarios that can enhance existing sensitivities.

Floodplains attract dense populations due to fertile alluvial soil and water access for agriculture. This is a difficult demographic reality to change. Rather than viewing this as a problem requiring relocation, infrastructure planning needs to examine such patterns and design accordingly. The question is not whether disasters will occur but whether our infrastructure can withstand them when they do.

These calamities in the last few years have had an escalatory trend. Research evidence shows that more than 70% of all the districts in the Northeastern states are expected to have an increase in rainfall by almost 25%. The region's geography, characterised by young mountains, active seismic zones, and major river systems originating in glaciers and glacial lakes, amounts to inherent vulnerability. Erratic rainfall patterns, glacial lake outbursts, and ever-intensified storm systems amplify the region's natural risk due to climate change.

A shift from reactive to proactive disaster resilience planning is imperative. Critical infrastructures cannot remain limited by annual hazard cycles. Integrated frameworks among the National Disaster Management Authority, National Highways Authority, and state agencies are needed to actively share mapped hazard data and periodic risk assessments, ensuring disaster resilience becomes a fundamental design parameter in project planning.

Geospatial technology offers reliable solutions. By overlaying geological, hydro-meteorological, and socio-economic data, it is possible to identify where infrastructure can be built safely and predict and monitor potential failures before starting such massive projects. The technology can also help assess carrying capacity – understanding what each terrain can withstand – and locate optimal sites for development and emergency response infrastructure. Countries like Japan have actively incorporated advanced geospatial modelling that can simulate how proposed structures would perform under various disaster scenarios. This approach can save lives and is more cost-effective than post-disaster reconstruction.

The cross-border impacts of these hazards are significant. When Bhutan's dam overflow threatened Northern West Bengal, it highlighted how upstream events immediately affect downstream communities. This also results in interstate and international tensions. The West Bengal government blames projects in Bhutan and Sikkim, while Bangladesh blames India for limiting its full rights to the surface water. While the India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission met in September, the conversations were usual and had no concrete outcomes. As the Ganges Water Treaty lapses in 2026, such bodies need to focus on incorporating norms regarding disaster preparedness, management, and data sharing protocols.

The July floods in Nepal, caused by a glacial lake outburst in Tibet, can be a learning chapter for states like Arunachal Pradesh. China's announcement of a mega dam construction in the Tibet Autonomous Region, near Arunachal Pradesh, adds urgency to India's resilience planning. The state is home to many indigenous communities and a major biodiversity hotspot. It is not easy, as any infrastructure project in the state must navigate protected ecological status and community engagement requirements.

While real-time exchange of hydrological and meteorological monitoring data, enhanced by geospatial monitoring systems, could offer crucial time frames for evacuation and preparation, it also helps in negotiations based on empirical data. Geospatial analysis can help identify locations that minimise ecological disruption while meeting infrastructure needs, providing evidence-based inputs for stakeholders to consider.

### India can take the lead

Such cooperation serves multiple purposes, as saving lives and livelihoods from disasters can also be a confidence-building measure in the region. Disaster preparedness is a common ground for cooperation and matters of collective interest. For India, taking the lead in such regional initiatives on disaster resilience presents an avenue for constructive engagement as soft power with the downstream regions, spearheaded by skills in technology and humanitarian concern rather than assertive measures.

Seeing these disasters as periodic occurrences in Northeast India and not single events would completely change the infrastructure development approach. A road or bridge designed today should cater to hazards it would experience throughout its lifespan, built with consideration for extreme floods that happen once every 50 years, not averaged out concerning yearly flows.

This requires sustained research and investment, interagency cooperation, and political will to prioritise resilience in the long term. Geospatial technology offers the analytical framework and platforms to assess and visualise risks, while implementation demands collaboration across state and national frontiers. Reactive alternatives grow costlier with each passing flood season. These recent incidents are eye-openers that the time for systematic disaster preparation is now.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

# Wit, wisdom, and a whiff of mischief

Heroes of his ilk are difficult to find except perhaps on these pages

**MOHAN SINGH**

You cannot brand him; you cannot put him in any class. But he was a rich and qualified barrister, a lawyer who went on to be called a historian, a diplomat, a littérateur, a top-class journalist and yes, a jokesmith, but not a jester. He never lost his sense of humour.

Well-mannered, highly civilised and cultured, he led a clockwork routine. He knew Farsi, Urdu, and Hindi, spoke Punjabi, but wrote mostly in perfect, flawless Queen's English. He answered each and every letter he received in his fan mail but replied only in one-liners on 25-paise postcards!

I once asked him to read George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Pat came his reply: 'I don't want to read *Animal Farm* again. We are living in one'. But the genius of Khushwant Singh bloomed when he became the editor of India's most popular tabloid, *The Illustrated Weekly of India*. He brought about far-reaching changes in its layout, and his choice of subjects, coupled with a bold style laced with eroticism, more than doubled its circulation. I am sure he had an awareness of the psychoanalytic profile of the Indian male.

As a journalist, he was perhaps the only one who defended Indira Gandhi for imposing the state of internal Emergency in June 1975. On the literary front, he made his mark with his maiden entry, *Train to Pakistan*, a vivid portrayal of the bloody aftermath of the Partition in 1947. The detailed topography of Mano Majra, an imagined village housing a healthy population of rich Hindus, artisan-class Muslims and the landed Sikh Jats, and their laid-back life near a railroad and a river bridge, all acquire a merciless ambience as events unfold amid mass killings and an inter-faith romance. However, the remarkable aspect is that as Khushwant aged, his writing output became increasingly prolific.

He never took to the keyboard or the screen. And whatever he wrote on, he made it simply unputdownable. Whether they were translations of the Sikh scriptures (he was an avowed atheist), novels or his writings as a freelancer, he remained glued to his fountain pen. Nothing can better represent him than the author encapsulated in a glowing incandescent light bulb, which became his logo after his long stint with the *Weekly*.

The once suited-booted aristocrat left us long ago, but the image of a Sardar sporting a henna-dyed but unkempt beard, wearing only the shred of a turban to cover a bald head, writing with a fountain pen will remain with us for long, very long. These days when there are complaints over a pliant media, heroes of his ilk are difficult to find except perhaps on these pages.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RTI is crucial for transparency, executive accountability

Apropos 'RTI at 20: Reform in need of a lifeline' (Oct 10), it is indeed disheartening to see the country's revolutionary information law, born after years of grassroots struggle, facing a bleak future. The government's deliberate delays in filling vacancies of top functionaries, targeted legislative dilutions, and systematic barriers have hindered its working. As backlogs of applications and appeals grow, people are becoming disillusioned with the law's effectiveness. Once hailed as India's "sunshine law," it is gradually fading into obscurity. Public-spirited citizens and elected representatives must pressure the establishment to reverse the harm done to the law. A robust transparency ecosystem is essential for executive accountability.
**Kamal Laddha**, Bengaluru

## Curb the menace

Apropos 'Teen stripped, thrashed for refusing ganja cigarette; 6 friends arrested' (Oct 10), this incident highlights the distressing issue of drug abuse among students. Enticing someone to use addictive substances is a serious offence, and thorough searches in educational institutions are necessary to curb this menace. Severe punishments for drug peddlers and abusers are essential. The victim deserves medical attention. The health ministry, NGOs and parent groups must work together to prevent drug abuse among students and youth, addressing stress, family issues, and easy availability of drugs.
**J A Nathan**, Bengaluru

## Practical policy

India's decision to reopen its embassy in Kabul is a cautious yet strategic step to re-engage with Afghanistan without formally recognising the Taliban regime. It reflects New Delhi's intent to restore its influence, contribute to regional stability, and revive humanitarian aid, and development efforts. While challenges persist, including the Taliban's uncertain legitimacy and Afghanistan's fragile security, the decision underscores a realistic and balanced foreign policy.
**Mohammad Asad**, Mumbai

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SPEAK OUT

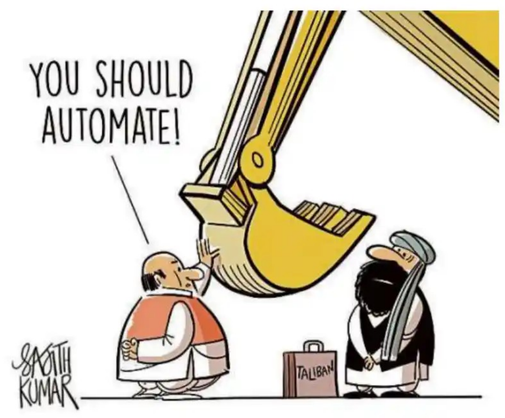
Unless they remember me and my name every day, H D Kumaraswamy (JDS leader) will neither find peace nor sleep nor have the energy for anything.

**D K Shivakumar**, Karnataka Dy CM

Stop ruminating over problematic people and start ruminating over your job.

**Stacy Mayer**

TO BE PRECISE




IN PERSPECTIVE

# Attack on CJI: What the shoe shows us

The courtroom assault reveals a moral crisis, with caste and waning civic values setting the backdrop

**NEIL TANNEN AND DANIYA SHAH**

In a courthouse typically understood as a fortress of legal reason and moral integrity, a lawyer hurled a shoe at the Chief Justice of India B R Gavai, in an apparent "defence" of Sanatan Dharma. This episode symbolises a moral schism: what is its bearing for India's moral values and the abiding hierarchies of caste and power?

It is proper in a democratic society for the judiciary to be critiqued. It is, however, the expression of contempt directed at the CJI, the constitutional head of the judiciary, that signifies more than disagreement: they reveal an erosion of civic restraint. That Justice Gavai is a Dalit gives it important symbolic as well as sociological heft that cannot be wished away. In May, his appointment as CJI was celebrated as a defining moment in India's constitutional history. The derogatory remarks directed at him in connection with his ruling which triggered the lawyer's action, however, bring back an abiding discomfort: that equality in India is accepted in theory while opposed in practice.

In a caste society, authority is rarely impersonal. Respect attaches to individuals who conform to social rank rather than to offices established by law. The attack on Justice Gavai is not an isolated breach of courtroom decorum but a manifestation of cultural unease, a refusal, conscious or otherwise, to accept that the highest judicial seat could be occupied by one whom the traditional order has long treated as subordinate.

This is not to say that the act was purposefully casteist. It could well have been motivated by political or sectarian interests. Yet, the social structure that allows such an act to be conceivable remains bound by caste rationality. As sociologist Gopal Guru points out, humiliation is more than mere insult, it is the refusal to recognise another as equal in moral and cognitive terms. When such refusal occurs in the realm of justice, it signals a disconcerting connection between societal bigotry and institutional weakness.

The judiciary, rightfully, responded with dignified restraint. Chief Justice Gavai decided not to initiate contempt proceedings, and the Bar Council suspended the errant individual promptly. This demonstration of self-control shows a degree of institutional evolution, but it also raises an ethical dilemma: does excessive civility give licence to individuals who mistake reticence for weakness? More importantly, the episode underlines deeper concerns around the erosion of civility in public life. In arenas as diverse as politics, journalism, and even courts of law, aggression passes as a badge of sincerity. The erosion of respect, hitherto treated as a civic virtue, is a huge moral deficit in the republic.

B R Ambedkar also recommended that whether democracy was to endure in India would depend on constitutional morality and the regular regard for equality and human dignity, that would characterise relations in society. The courthouse incident reveals a conflict between constitutional and caste moralities. Both still consider submission and rank as being more important than mutual regard.

### Power of restraint

A moral system that legitimates violence in the name of "custom" or "faith" is fundamentally at odds with the constitutional culture that values reason and argument. If such erosion of institutional integrity is seen among members of the legal community who are, by principle, bound by law and reason, it becomes clear that constitutional morality is yet to take deep-rootedness among the educated citizens.

The gesture of a shoe-throw, a sign of global humiliation, becomes more meaningful when directed at a Chief Justice who is a Dalit. This move inadvertently repeats the symbolic violence that was historically carried out by the caste society. While constitutional protection exists for being equal before the law, reality sees it in tenuous terms. Constitutional institutions must be protected in their integrity not only by punishment but through joint moral repugnance. Legal communities, media, and politicians must realise that the undermining of constitutional offices puts the democratic project at risk.

Justice Gavai's restraint stands in stark contrast to the vulgarity of his critic. His decorum was more in defence of constitutional values. The judicial crisis in the case is reflective of a larger moral crisis fuelled by caste pride, populism, and frayed civic obligation. Defending judicial independence in such a time necessitates more than consciousness; it necessitates a renaissance of moral premises. India, as Ambedkar would suggest, needs to rejuvenate both the constitutional architecture of democracy and the very substance of equality for its own survival.

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# Music fades, mystery haunts

SUMIR KARMAKAR
DH NEWS SERVICE

"I need the answer," wrote Zubeen Garg's wife, Garima Saikia Garg, on Facebook on October 7, asking for reasons behind the iconic singer-musician's sudden death. It was Garima's first social media post since September 19, the day 52-year-old Zubeen died in Singapore, while swimming in the sea with his friends and associates.

Garima's post, which drew over one lakh likes and 10,000 shares, saw more than 17,000 comments — many asking why Zubeen was allowed to go to the sea despite his doctor's advice to stay away from water and fire. Zubeen, who had a history of seizures, was in Singapore to attend the Northeast India Festival as a "cultural ambassador".

The reason behind his death remains shrouded in mystery. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Assam government has arrested seven people, including his police officer cousin Sandipan Garg, manager Siddharth Sharma, and festival organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta. Over 20 others – friends, bandmates, and fellow artists – have been questioned amid growing anger and demands for justice from the Garg family and Zubeen's fans across Assam and beyond.

Initially, the death appeared to be a mishap. But, on October 2, when the Singapore Police handed over the autopsy report to the Indian High Commission, which later shared it with the SIT, the case took a new turn. Though the report's contents were not revealed, the SIT added murder charges under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita against Sharma and Mahanta. Soon after, Zubeen's bandmates, Shekhar Jyoti Goswami and Amritprabha Mahanta, who were at the scene, were also arrested. Goswami, according to the police, alleged that Zubeen was poisoned and his death was deliberately staged as an accident.

A second post-mortem was conducted in Guwahati before his cremation on September 23, following Shekhar's claim that Zubeen's body turned blue soon after being pulled from the water and placed on the yacht where they had been partying. The yacht had been booked by Singapore-based Assamese NRIs — eight of whom were summoned by the SIT, though only one appeared on October 7. Investigators said their reluctance to cooperate has made it harder to connect the dots in what is now suspected to be a murder.

"Why are they not coming and revealing what happened?" asked Garima.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said Assam Police could not travel to Singapore but hoped to obtain evidence under an existing cooperation treaty between the two nations.

### Politics over death

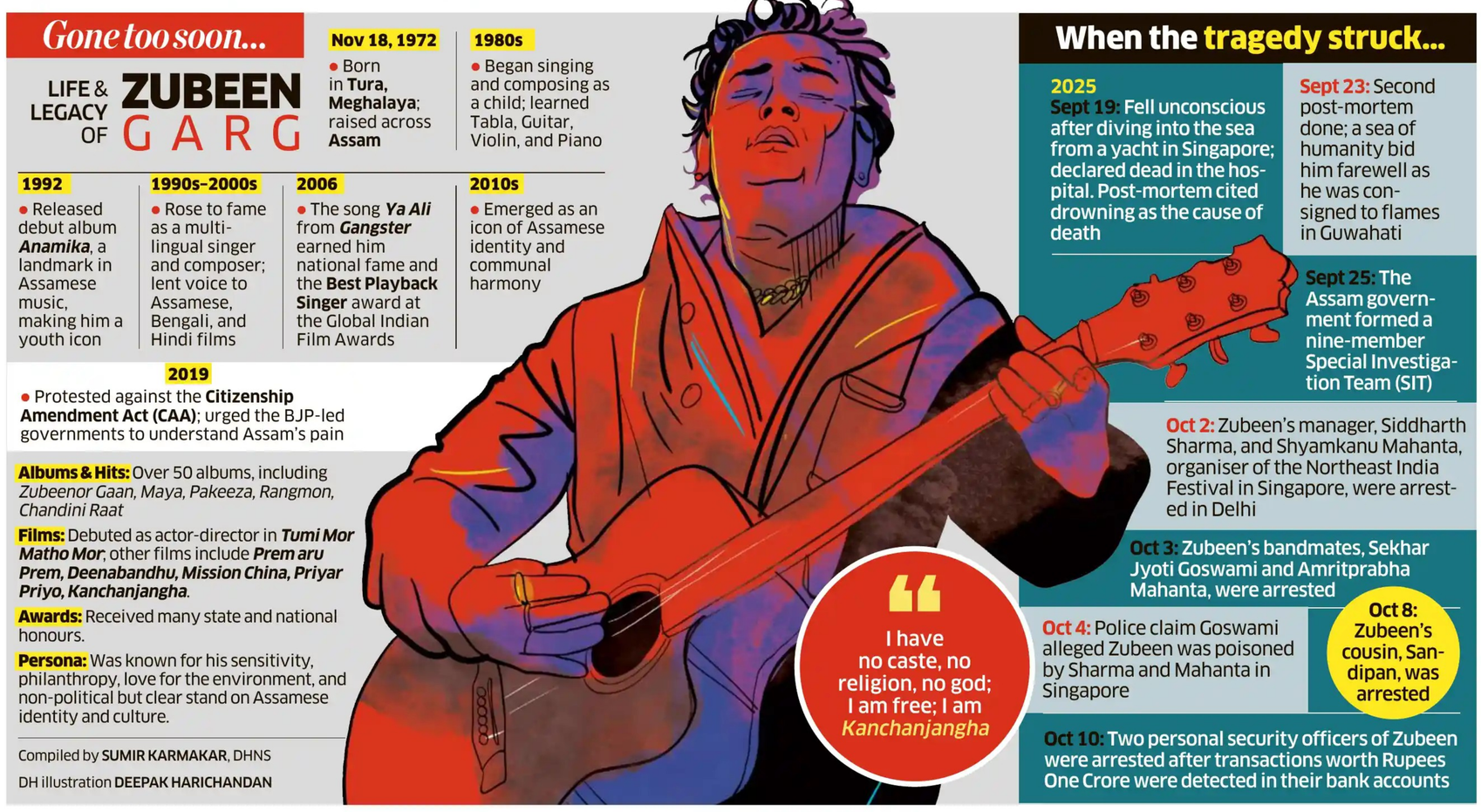
Even as the investigation continues, Zubeen's death has sparked political controversy. With Assembly elections months away, the opposition Congress has demanded a CBI probe, alleging that the SIT may shield Shyamkanu Mahanta because of his closeness to Sarma.

"The chief minister wants Shyamkanu Mahanta to get a clean chit and continue his business with central grants," alleged Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi. Regional parties like Raijor Dal and the Asom Jatiya Parishad have also sought a CBI probe.

Sarma countered, saying he hasn't attended any event organised by Shyamkanu since 2015. "We hope to reach the truth soon," he said, adding, "If the SIT fails to deliver justice to Zubeen, his family, and the people of Assam, we will hand over the case to the CBI."

Voices within the BJP have also questioned the probe. "Immediate site visit was necessary, but it's already late – evidence might have been destroyed if it were a murder," said BJP leader Shantanu Bharali. Former Union Minister Rajen Gohain, who quit the party recently, said BJP supporters who idolised Zubeen may not vote for the ruling party in 2026.

The arrests of Sandipan Garg and the Enforcement Directorate's probe into the financial dealings of Siddharth Sharma and Shyamkanu Mahanta have deepened the mystery. Two of Zubeen's PSOs were also arrested after police found transactions exceeding Rupees One Crore in their accounts. Allegations persist that Siddharth mismanaged Zubeen's earnings and that the singer planned to review his finances upon returning from Singapore.


Gone too soon...
LIFE & LEGACY OF ZUBEEN GARG
Nov 18, 1972
• Born in Tura, Meghalaya; raised across Assam
1980s
• Began singing and composing as a child; learned Tabla, Guitar, Violin, and Piano
1992
• Released debut album Anamika, a landmark in Assamese music, making him a youth icon
1990s–2000s
• Rose to fame as a multi-lingual singer and composer; lent voice to Assamese, Bengali, and Hindi films
2006
• The song Ya Ali from Gangster earned him national fame and the Best Playback Singer award at the Global Indian Film Awards
2010s
• Emerged as an icon of Assamese identity and communal harmony
2019
• Protested against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA); urged the BJP-led governments to understand Assam's pain
Albums & Hits: Over 50 albums, including Zubeenor Gaan, Maya, Pakeeza, Rangmon, Chandini Raat
Films: Debuted as actor-director in Tumi Mor Matho Mor; other films include Prem aru Prem, Deenabandhu, Mission China, Priyar Priyo, Kanchanjangha.
Awards: Received many state and national honours.
Persona: Was known for his sensitivity, philanthropy, love for the environment, and non-political but clear stand on Assamese identity and culture.
Compiled by SUMIR KARMAKAR, DHNS
DH illustration DEEPAK HARICHANDAN
I have no caste, no religion, no god; I am free; I am Kanchanjangha
When the tragedy struck...
2025
Sept 19: Fell unconscious after diving into the sea from a yacht in Singapore; declared dead in the hospital. Post-mortem cited drowning as the cause of death
Sept 23: Second post-mortem done; a sea of humanity bid him farewell as he was consigned to flames in Guwahati
Sept 25: The Assam government formed a nine-member Special Investigation Team (SIT)
Oct 2: Zubeen's manager, Siddharth Sharma, and Shyamkanu Mahanta, organiser of the Northeast India Festival in Singapore, were arrested in Delhi
Oct 3: Zubeen's bandmates, Sekhar Jyoti Goswami and Amritprabha Mahanta, were arrested
Oct 4: Police claim Goswami alleged Zubeen was poisoned by Sharma and Mahanta in Singapore
Oct 8: Zubeen's cousin, Sandipan, was arrested
Oct 10: Two personal security officers of Zubeen were arrested after transactions worth Rupees One Crore were detected in their bank accounts

# As *Zubeen Da* unites Assam, power trembles

MADRI KAKOTI

It has been twenty days since *Zubeen Da* left us. For twenty days, we – the people of Assam (and I say 'people' to include anyone who loved him as their own) – have been circling the first three stages of grief: shock, denial, and anger.

We are yet to reach acceptance. Each passing day takes us further away, as power circles try, in ways both misguided and manipulative, to politicise his death and milk it for electoral gain.

Other than the sight of hundreds of thousands of people from every class, caste, tribe, religion, and gender of Assam coming together to bid him adieu, and the air reverberating with the melody of '*Mayabini Ratir Bukut*' and many other songs he mesmerised us with, there has been little surrounding his death that could have given him peace.

From the absence of "*Brahma Aadi Kori*" (Assamese traditional prayer) at his funeral pyre, to the sexist and misogynistic scrutiny of his grieving wife Garima Saikia Garg's *mekhela saador* every day, to the rampant speculations surrounding his death, to the theatrics of Shyamkanu Mahanta and Siddhartha Sharma's arrest – after the very generous time given to them to surrender after Durga Puja celebrations – everything reminds me of the one line Zubeen Da said on multiple platforms: "*Politics nokoriba, Bondhu*" (don't do politics, my friend).

With *Zubeen Da*, we all died a little.

His power was palpable during that brief period when, in Assam, currently in a race to become the hottest breeding ground for communal hatred and discrimination against the indigenous, the Quran and the *Bhagavad Gita* found a place under the same roof. The madrasas played '*Mayabini...*' along with prayers for the safe passage of his soul; *ardaas* in gurudwaras across the state mentioned his name; *naamghars* and temples lit *saakis* (lamps) for him; and churches conducted prayers.

Even in death, *Zubeen Da*'s memory threatens the narrative of hate and division. The image of Assam weeping together for its son revealed the dangerous power of unity.

"What if the Assamese people, like Zubeen Garg, start saying, '*Ghenta kaakou khaatir nokoru*' (I bow to no one)?" must have crossed the minds of the politicians in power. Not just because people want answers about his death, but because they might start asking bigger questions: about annual floods, animals disappearing into private zoos, politicians' assets multiplying 600%, their spouses owning resorts and media empires, drugs flooding markets, and the steady erasure of Assamese identity in favour of a homogenised Hindu one.

What if Zubeen's followers truly began to live his message – of unity, courage, and resistance? That is why it became crucial for the people in power to 'control' the situation – to sow doubt, suspicion, and noise among a grieving people.

Today, the discourse around his death is filthy – allegations of poisoning, leaked videos, gossip about women colleagues. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's words – "Don't vote for me if I can't ensure justice for Zubeen" – sounded more like a political statement than a promise people could pin their hope on.

*Zubeen Da* united us for a brief, blazing moment – and that, more than anything, is what made power tremble.

What I fear now is this: with *Zubeen Da* gone, will we ever again find the courage to unite – and will they ever let us?

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## SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

# Decoding the Physics Nobel Prize for quantum research

**Even a macroscopic electrical circuit could display quantum behaviour when carefully shielded from environmental noise, writes B K Singh**

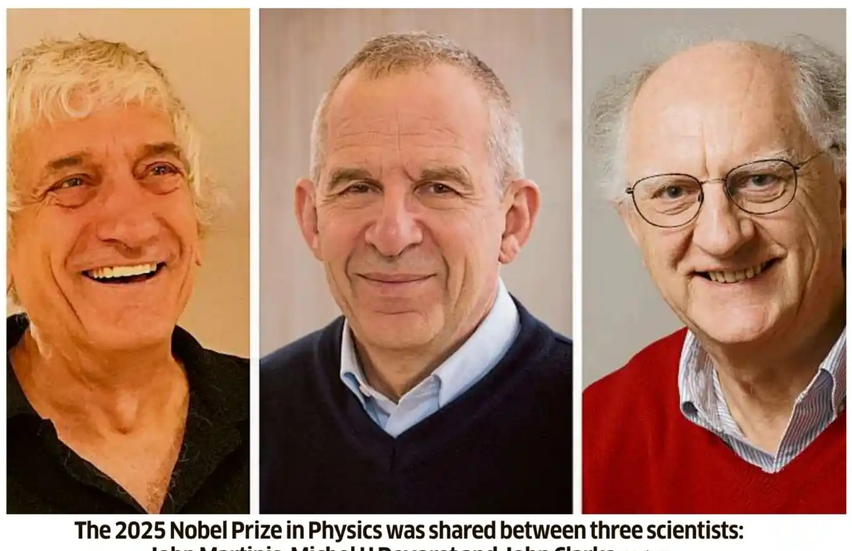
A century-old branch of physics, quantum mechanics, explains phenomena that remain mysterious under classical mechanics. Among its counterintuitive predictions is tunnelling—a process that allows a particle to pass straight through an energy barrier that it classically should not cross.

This year's Nobel Prize in Physics has been awarded to three American physicists—John Clarke of the University of California, Berkeley, Michel H. Devoret of Yale University and the University of California, Santa Barbara, and John M. Martinis of the University of California, Santa Barbara—for their pioneering experiments in the mid-1980s that revealed macroscopic quantum tunnelling and quantised energy levels in a system large enough to be visible to the naked eye.

When these experiments were conducted in 1984 and 1985, Martinis was a PhD student, Devoret a postdoctoral fellow, and Clarke their supervisor. Their research demonstrated that even a macroscopic electrical circuit could display quantum behaviour when carefully shielded from environmental noise. Two of the three laureates also went on to play key roles in industry: Devoret now serves as Chief Scientist at Google Quantum AI, and Martinis led Google's Quantum AI Lab until 2020.

Quantum mechanics forms the foundation of modern technology and continues to demonstrate its relevance in new domains. Transistors in microchips, lasers, cameras, cell phones, and fibre-optic networks—all integral to everyday life—are direct outcomes of quantum principles discovered during the twentieth century. Today, these principles are driving the next wave of innovation in quantum technology, including quantum computing, cryptography, and sensing.

Particles the size of atoms, electrons, protons, or neutrons behave very differently from the objects we observe daily. Their actions are governed not by Newtonian laws but by the probabilistic rules of quantum mechanics. They can tunnel through barriers, exist in multiple states simultaneously, and occupy discrete energy levels rather than a continuous spectrum. A familiar analogy helps: when a ball is thrown against a wall, it bounces back; but a quantum particle, under the right conditions, has a finite probability of appearing on the other side of the wall without ever "breaking through" it.



The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics was shared between three scientists: John Martinis, Michel H Devoret and John Clarke. AP/PTI

### Drawing from existing research

In 1973, Brian Josephson received the Nobel Prize in Physics for discovering that an electric current could flow between two superconductors separated by an insulating layer—a setup now known as a Josephson junction. This device became a cornerstone of precision measurement and quantum electronics, enabling scientists to explore the delicate boundary between classical and quantum phenomena.

Building on Josephson's work, Clarke, Devoret, and Martinis used a similar configuration in their 1984–85 experiments. Their superconducting circuit consisted of two superconductors separated by an insulator and connected to a voltmeter that initially read zero. Under normal conditions, no current should cross the insulator, yet in a superconductor—where electrons move collectively as one coherent quantum wave—current can flow without resistance. The researchers meticulously isolated the setup to prevent interference from external noise that could destroy the fragile quantum effects.

Their measurements showed that the electrons in the circuit occupied quantised energy states. Each transition between states involved the absorption or release of a fixed quantum of energy, which was reflected in the voltmeter readings. The absence of intermediate values confirmed that the system's energy levels were discrete rather than continuous—a hallmark of quantum mechanics.

The experiment also revealed macroscopic quantum tunnelling: the collective quantum state of billions of electrons passed through the insulating barrier, a feat analogous to a single particle tunnelling through a wall. The observation proved that quantum effects could manifest in systems far larger than individual atoms or particles, provided they were sufficiently isolated and cooled.

The question of how large a system can still exhibit quantum behaviour remains open. The 1984–85 experiments by Clarke, Devoret, and Martinis provided the clearest demonstration yet that macroscopic objects, under precise conditions, can display quantum mechanical properties. This insight laid the groundwork for creating quantum bits (qubits)—the basic units of information in quantum computers, which exploit superposition and entanglement to perform operations that classical computers cannot efficiently handle.

Quantum computing, once confined to theoretical physics and laboratory prototypes, is now entering real-world testing and industrial research. Sectors ranging from energy, logistics, and materials science to artificial intelligence and cybersecurity are exploring how quantum algorithms might solve problems that classical computing cannot. Potential applications include secure quantum communication, ultra-sensitive sensors, new materials and drugs, climate modelling, financial forecasting, and even carbon capture technologies.

The discovery honoured by this year's Nobel Prize bridges a profound scientific divide—showing that the bizarre behaviour of subatomic particles can, under the right conditions, scale up to the macroscopic world we inhabit. It is a reminder that the principles of quantum mechanics, once thought to apply only to the invisible realm of atoms, continue to expand the boundaries of what technology—and imagination—can achieve.

*(The writer is a former bureaucrat and a science communicator)*

DID YOU KNOW?

## A molecule to fight Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disorder worldwide, affecting more than 10 million people. Now, researchers at the University of Bath, in collaboration with the Universities of Oxford and Bristol, have developed a molecule that prevents the clumping and build-up of a protein linked to Parkinson's disease and related dementias.

The team has successfully demonstrated that it works in an animal model of Parkinson's and hopes that, in the future, this could lead to a treatment that slows the progression of the disease.

Alpha-synuclein is a protein naturally found mainly in brain cells (neurons) where it regulates the release of neurotransmitters such as dopamine, allowing communication between the neurons.

In Parkinson's disease, this protein sticks together into toxic clumps that cause nerve cell death and lead to patients suffering from symptoms such as tremors, difficulties moving and muscle stiffness. Whilst treatments are available to relieve symptoms, there is currently no cure.

Normally, alpha-synuclein's natural or "native state" is like a flexible strand. Still, when active, it forms a helix, which is critical for its function in binding and transporting dopamine.

The team engineered a peptide fragment that locks alpha-synuclein into its healthy shape, blocking its conversion into the toxic clumps that cause nerve cell death.

Laboratory tests showed that the peptide is stable, penetrates brain-like cells, and restores movement while reducing protein deposits in a worm model of Parkinson's disease.

This breakthrough, published in the journal *JACS Au*, demonstrates the potential of rational peptide design to transform large, unstable proteins into compact drug-like molecules.

The findings mark a significant step towards developing new peptide-based treatments for currently untreatable neurodegenerative conditions.

Professor Jody Mason, from the Department of Life Sciences at the University of Bath, said this work shows that it is possible to rationally design small peptides that not only prevent harmful protein aggregation but also function inside living systems, and opens a door towards new therapies for Parkinson's and related diseases that have limited treatment options.

Dr Julia Dudley, Head of Research at Alzheimer's Research UK, which funded the research, said, "Dementia isn't an inevitable part of ageing; diseases like Alzheimer's cause it. To make progress towards a cure for all forms of dementia, we need research focused on developing a broad range of treatments that can slow, stop and ultimately reverse these diseases."

Although this is early research in an animal model, this new molecule can prevent the build-up of misfolded alpha-synuclein, she says.

-SURENDRA PAI

# SIT formed to probe Haryana police officer's suicide

## Deceased cop's wife asks for change in FIR to 'reflect names of all accused'

CHANDIGARH, PTI

The Chandigarh Police on Friday constituted a six-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the 'suicide' case of senior Haryana police officer Y Puran Kumar for "prompt, impartial and thorough investigation" in a time-bound manner.

The SIT will be led by IG Chandigarh Pushpendra Kumar.

It will also comprise Chandigarh SSP Kanwardeep Kaur, SP City K M Priyanka, DSP Charanjit Singh Virk, SDPO (South) Gurjit Kaur and SHO of Sector 11 police station (West), Jaiveer Rana, as members, according to an official order.

Puran Kumar allegedly shot himself dead at his Chandigarh residence on Tuesday and left behind a 'final note'.

The order said, "In view of the gravity and sensitivity of allegations in the case... an SIT consisting of following members is hereby constituted with immediate effect to conduct a prompt, impartial, and thorough investigation of the case under the supervision of IGP, UT, Chandigarh."

It further said, "The SIT shall investigate all aspects of FIR No 156/2025, including evidence collection, witness examination, take expert opinions, legal advice, etc in a time-bound manner and preparation of final report upon completion," it said.

The Chandigarh Police registered an FIR late Thursday evening with charges of abetment to suicide and some provisions of the SC/ST Act based on a 'final note' by the deceased police officer, who had named many senior IPS officers, and specifically referred to Haryana DGP Shatrujeet Kapur and Rohtak SP Narendra Bijarniya for allegedly harassing and maligning him.

"An FIR under Section 108 rw 3(5) (abetment of suicide) and 3 (1) (r) POA (Prevention of Atrocities) SC/ST Act, has been registered against the accused mentioned in the final note," the Chandigarh Police said in a brief statement on Thursday evening.

Earlier, a day after an FIR was registered in connection with the alleged suicide of senior Y Puran Kumar, his bureaucrat wife Amneet P Kumar Friday wrote to the police questioning "incomplete information" in it, and asked for it to be amended "to accurately reflect the names of all accused".

In a letter to Chandigarh Police SSP Kanwardeep Kaur, Amneet P Kumar, a senior IAS officer, has also sought that "diluted sections of the SC/ST Act" that have been added in the FIR should be amended.

# SC gives Centre more time to respond to plea on J&K statehood

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday gave further time to the central government to file its response on a batch of pleas seeking restoration of statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran said a decision has to be taken considering all the factors, and a consultation was on by the Centre.

"The decision is to be taken after considering all factors... see what happened in Pahalgam," the bench said.

On April 22, 2025, a group of Pakistan-backed terrorists killed 26 tourists in Pahalgam after asking about their religion, resulting in an armed offensive by 'Operation Sindoor' against terror networks in Pakistan.

On August 14, the court had first asked the Centre to respond to the plea filed in October 2024.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the central government, submitted that the elections to the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly were held peacefully and an elected government was put in place.

Mehta said that during the past six years, there has been substantial progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

He, however, submitted that certain incidents in the recent past, including the Pahalgam attack, have taken place, and all the incidents will have to be taken into consideration before taking a final call on the restoration of statehood.

He sought more time to respond to the prayers made by the petitioners.

The petitioners' counsel, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, submitted that it was noted in the apex court's order that statehood would be returned after the elections. He also pointed out that the Cabinet of Jammu and Kashmir has passed a resolution for the Lieutenant Governor to take up the matter of restoration of statehood with Centre.

# 75% Indians hide mental-health leave over 'incapable' stigma: Report

**MUMBAI, PTI:** Nearly three out of four Indian professionals (75%) surveyed still hesitate to be transparent about taking time off for mental health reasons, fearing being perceived as 'incapable', a report said on Friday.

Most Indian professionals, nearly 75%, still hesitate to be transparent about taking leave for mental health reasons, according to a report by Naukri.

The top fear is being viewed as incapable, a concern shared by 31% of the respondents, followed by 27% worrying about judgment from colleagues, while 21% fear being dismissed as someone who makes excuses, the report revealed.

Another 21% of the professionals interviewed believed it could impact their career growth, it added.

The report is based on inputs from 19,650 job seekers across 80 industries.

Further, the report found that close to half (45%) said they would simply mark it as a general sick leave.

Only 28% felt comfortable being explicit about the reason, while 19% said they would rather avoid taking leave at all, and 9% would fabricate a different excuse entirely, said the report.

Meanwhile, the report found that poor work-life balance tops the list at 39%, which affects mental health at work.

Asked what single intervention would help most, 60 per cent of the respondents pointed to flexible work options.

# Kerala CM meets PM, seeks release of Rs 2,220 cr for Wayanad rehabilitation

NEW DELHI, PTI

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought the Centre's intervention on various issues, including the immediate release of over Rs 2,220 crore for Wayanad landslide-related reconstruction works and steps to improve the state's financial situation.

Briefing the media in the national capital, Vijayan said key issues were raised with the PM during the meeting.

Apart from funds for Wayanad relief works, the chief minister sought the central government's approval for setting up an AIIMS and increasing the state's borrowing limits.

During the meeting with Modi, the Kerala chief minister urged him to release Rs 2,221.03 crore NDRF (National Disaster Relief Fund) for Wayanad landslide-related reconstruction works.

There have been differences between Kerala's ruling Left Democratic Front and the BJP-ruled Centre over funds for the Wayanad relief works. Many people died, and massive damage was caused due to the natural calamity in Wayanad last year.

Vijayan said he also sought immediate approval for establishing the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Kinaloor in Kozhikode. It has been a long-standing demand to have an AIIMS in Kerala.

The issues related to lower borrowing limits and the financial woes faced by the state were also discussed by the chief minister with the prime minister.

Vijayan also shared a photo of the meeting with the prime minister on his X handle.

# MISCELLANY

## ◆COMICS◆

### Blondie

HONEY! COME SEE MY SPECIAL LAWN-MOWING JOB!
REALLY? OKAY, HOLD ON!
SOMEBODY'S IN A PATRIOTIC MOOD
WELL, IT IS THE 4TH OF JULY
AWESOME!
COOL!

### Beetle Bailey

### Marvin

### Hagar The Horrible

HAMLET, IT'S NO SECRET THAT I LOVE YOU! DO YOU FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ME?
YOU ALREADY HEARD MY QUESTION! WHY ARE YOU PLUGGING YOUR EARS?
I'M GOING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION!

### Peanuts

HOW ABOUT THAT? I WALKED ALL THE WAY OUT HERE WITH YOUR SUPPER DISH BALANCED ON MY HEAD!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU EAT IN THE SAME PLACE EVERY NIGHT!

### JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

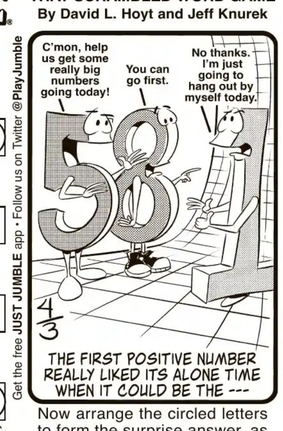
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DHYAN

NALUN

PELEPO

LOPHAO


C'mon, help us get some really big numbers going today!
You can go first.
No thanks. I'm just going to hang out by myself today.
THE FIRST POSITIVE NUMBER REALLY LIKED ITS ALONE TIME WHEN IT COULD BE THE ---

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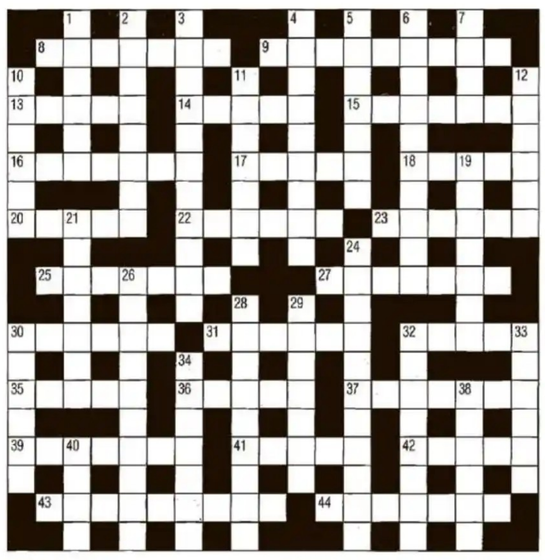
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ONION BRINK NEPHEW GRASSY
Answer: When their equipment malfunctioned during the interview, it was — BREAKING NEWS

## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 4009



**ACROSS**

8 Hand over (7)
9 Moscow inhabitant (9)
13 Join (5)
14 Lift (5)
15 Hard-wearing (7)
16 Cowardly (7)
17 Lamp (5)
18 Intone (5)
20 Roof's edge (5)
22 Begrudge (6)
23 Scrap (6)
25 Weapon store (7)
27 Overtaking (7)
30 Spasm (6)
31 Liquid container (6)
32 Mexican food (5)
35 Scent (5)
36 Sign up (5)
37 Expressionless (7)
39 Gossiped (7)
41 Pitchers (5)
42 Conjure up (5)
43 Abundant (9)
44 Ate heartily (7)

**DOWN**

1 Describe (6)
2 Eternal (8)
3 Earthly (11)
4 Vegetable (9)
5 Sharpness (7)
6 Greedy (10)
7 Counterfoil (4)
10 Mess up (6)
11 Random (7)
12 Hire charge (6)
19 Poison (7)
21 Fear of heights (7)
24 Dealer in sewing articles (11)
26 Bewitching (10)
28 Polite (9)
29 Postponed (7)
30 Hypnotic state (6)
32 Cross (8)
33 Vocalist (6)
34 Thin shoot (7)
38 Bogus (6)
40 Competent (4)

**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS**

8 Killed by someone who had been one's char? (4,3)
9 Does one stand out from the rest of the cast in it? (5,4)
13 Would give a great deal to hear (5)
14 A dear item in the mason's yard (5)
15 Step outside the pub to see the boat (7)
16 Worry about nothing ourselves; just have a good time (7)
17 Assumed it's turned down (3,2)
18 Attacked when returning the keys (3,2)
20 Force to take to (5)
22 Go on telling you what's been happening (6)
23 Are given stick about having yelled (6)
25 The dope got his in a mess (7)
27 Were surrounded by fish and were clearly frightened (7)
30 Manages successfully to get fluctuations in (6)
31 Booze bottle (6)
32 Regard as a duty (5)
35 It's an insect, child, on the tree (5)
36 Classifies as seconds - there's a hole right inside (5)
37 Someone wearing uniform and an overall (7)
39 The smoke will get in your hair (7)
41 May force (5)
42 Picture that's framed in "21" (5)
43 Stopping to make a call when the others go inside (9)
44 Say the chaps have got into trouble (7)

**DOWN**

1 "Hat," not "bat" (6)
2 What you need if you're sick of working? (4,4)
3 To cheat, take passage both ways (6-5)
4 Fromthe days of the Evangelist, just awaits developments (5,4)
5 React when the person goes off key (7)
6 Makes one realise one inflicts on the family, too (6,4)
7 Circus performer got up as a pixie (4)
10 Caught in the drain, went off and it's bad (6)
11 Order to get rid of (7)
12 Was inclined to erect a home on the open ground (6)
19 In the run-up, people pester one (7)
21 Think it's a trap and I myself skirt it (7)
24 Had amassed, when they met (3,8)
26 Arrogant,though complyingwith the gunman's instructions (4-6)
28 Meant somehow to catch, going back into the home (9)
29 Agrees to convert on the quiet, as forecast (7)
30 Propose that you subject yourself to (6)
32 Investigated thoroughly when one had a prang (4,4)
33 Let wander inside, had been stopped by (6)
34 Says to confiscate the royal possessions (7)
38 Try to talk out of - with justification (6)
40 Would you like to look after? (4)

**SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12264**

**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS:** 1, Salsa 6, GI-RL-s 9, Or-char-D 10, St.-out 11, Aesop 12, Del-ta 13, S-O-me-how 15, Cop 17, EN-id 18, Arcane 19, Sighs 20, States 22, P-it-y 24, Eon 25, Bananas 26, Ai-me-d 27, Cello 28, Nadia 29, S-u-rfeit 30, Log-OS 31, L-edge.
**DOWN:** 2, Act-I-on 3, So-used 4, Art (rev.) 5,Threw 6, Graters 7, Idea 8, Look on 12, Do-ris 13, Sense 14, Milan 15, Cab-in 16, Pepys 18, Ahead 19, Serio-us 21,To-led-o 22, Pal-ate 23,Ta-king 25, Bee-Fy 26, A-LSO 28, NI-L.

**EASY**

**ACROSS:** 1, Waist 6, Court 9, Pontoon 10, Idiot 11, Nurse 12, Mints 13, Pertain 15, Let 17, Ewes 18, Inside 19, Count 20, Cougar 22, Miss 24, Eat 25, Retitle 26, Lager 27, Vital 28, Duvet 29, Cabinet 30, Sheen 31, Never.
**DOWN:** 2, Andrew 3, Spouts 4,Tot 5, Stain 6, Content 7, Onus 8, Rushed 12, Minor 13, Peace 14, Rebut 15, Limit 16,Tease 18, Inner 19, Catalan 21, Oafish 22, Minute 23, Sleeve 25, Remit 26, Lace 28, Den.

## ◆SU-DO-KU-6723◆

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| | 1 | | 4 | 7 | | | | 6 |
| 3 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| | 8 | | | | 6 | 7 | | |
| | 5 | | | | | 2 | | |
| | 7 | 2 | | | | 4 | 3 | |
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| | | | | | 4 | | | 2 |
| 9 | | | | 6 | 5 | | 8 | |

medium

**SOLUTION TO 6722**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| 5 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 4 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 |

**To solve the puzzle:** To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

## SCRABBLE™

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W4 E1 I1 I1 M3 F4 D2 — 4th Letter Triple — RACK 1
K5 W4 N1 N1 G2 O1 I1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 2
R1 I1 D2 E1 A1 P3 S1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 3
C3 P3 T1 O1 L1 I1 I1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 215-225
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

C3 L1 I1 N1 I1 C3
S1 U1 G2 G2 E1 S1 T1
O1 V4 E1 R1 P3 A1 Y4
U1 P3 G2 R1 A1 D2 E1
M3 A1 S1 O1 N1 R1 Y4

RACK 1 = 10
RACK 2 = 77
RACK 3 = 95
RACK 4 = 64
RACK 5 = 62
JUDD'S TOTAL 308

PAR SCORE 200-210

## HITORI-3177

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 8 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 |

**SOLUTION TO 3176**

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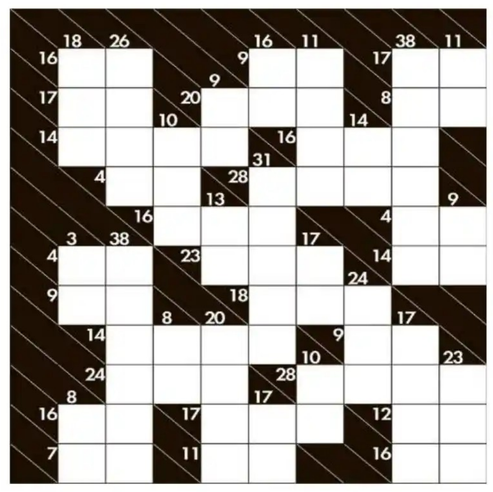
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 | ■ | 4 | 8 | ■ |
| ■ | 2 | 5 | ■ | 7 | 1 | ■ | 3 |
| 1 | ■ | 7 | 8 | 2 | ■ | 3 | 5 |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | ■ | 3 | 5 | ■ | 1 |
| ■ | 3 | ■ | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| 6 | ■ | 3 | 7 | 4 | ■ | 1 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 5 | ■ |
| ■ | 4 | ■ | 1 | ■ | 8 | 6 | 7 |

**To solve the puzzle:** Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

## KAKURO- 3177



**SOLUTION TO 3176**

**To solve the puzzle:** Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

## SU DO KU X - 3702

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| 4 | | 9 | | 2 | | | | ■ |
| | 1 | | | | 6 | | ■ | |
| 6 | | ■ | | | 4 | 8 | 3 | |
| 7 | 3 | | ■ | | ■ | | 9 | 4 |
| | | | | 6 | | | | |
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| 5 | 2 | ■ | | | | ■ | | 3 |
| | 7 | | | | | | ■ | |
| ■ | | 4 | | | | | | 8 |

**SOLUTION TO 3701**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| 4 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 7 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

**To solve the puzzle:** The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

## SC seeks Centre, EC replies on voting rights for undertrials

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre and the Election Commission to file their responses to a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking recognition of voting rights for nearly 4.5 lakh undertrial prisoners lodged in jails across India.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran took note of submissions by advocate Prashant Bhushan, who argued that the existing blanket ban imposed under Section 62(5) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, violated constitutional guarantees and international democratic norms.

The petition, filed by Sunita Sharma, a resident of Patiala in Punjab, named the Centre and the EC as respondents.

The petition contended that the existing restriction disenfranchises a large segment of the population that still enjoys the presumption of innocence under the law.

The petitioner further argued that if a convicted individual can contest elections and represent lakhs of voters, an ordinary citizen who has not yet been found guilty should not be denied the right to vote and to choose their representative.

## Key mastermind in Nigerian drug, hawala network held in Mumbai

**HYDERABAD, DHNS:** In a major breakthrough, Telangana's Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) has arrested a key mastermind behind a transnational drug and hawala network. The accused, Dargaram Rataji Prajapati, was detained in Mumbai after weeks of surveillance.

Investigators said Dargaram operated several front companies to move drug proceeds from Nigerian cartels through hawala channels. His agents allegedly collected funds from Nigerian nationals in India and remitted them to Nigeria, where the money was used to export goods such as fabrics, human hair and clothing.

Over recent days, 25 people linked to the racket were arrested and Rs 3.084 crore seized. The latest arrest follows a string of operations across Mumbai, Delhi, Rajasthan and Goa after the capture of foreign national Onyeisi Esomchi Kenneth, also known as Maxwell, earlier this year.

During a previous raid at M/s Bharath Kumar Chaganlal & Company in Mumbai, Dargaram had escaped before going underground. The firm was allegedly being used to funnel cartel money through hawala routes.

EAGLE has raised concerns about deported foreign nationals re-entering India on fake identities. Kenneth allegedly used five passports, four Nigerian and one Ghanaian.

## Akasa Air plane flying from Pune to Delhi suffers bird hit

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** An Akasa Air aircraft flying from Pune to Delhi suffered a bird hit on Friday and landed safely in the national capital.

The plane is being examined by the engineering team and will be released for service after a thorough inspection, an airline spokesperson said in a statement.

"Akasa Air flight QP 1607 flying from Pune to Delhi on 10th October 2025 experienced a bird hit. The aircraft landed safely and all passengers and crew members were deplaned," the spokesperson said.

Details regarding the number of passengers were not disclosed.

The flight, operated with a Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft, landed in the national capital little past 10 am on Friday, according to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com.

# Setback for JD(U) as former MP, others switch to RJD

## Shot in the arm for Tejashwi; new joinee flays Nitish's party

Tejashwi Yadav with ex-JD(U) MP Santosh Kushwala (2L), former LJP leader Ajay Kushwaha and others as they join RJD in Patna on Friday. PTI

**ABHAY KUMAR**
PATNA

Even as the poll notification was issued on Friday for the first phase of the elections to 121 out of 243 seats in the Bihar Assembly, RJD leader and the Opposition's undeclared chief-ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav got a shot in the arm when three influential JD(U) leaders deserted Nitish Kumar and joined his party in the presence of Lalu Prasad.

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Former JD(U) MP from Purnia, Santosh Kushwaha, who met Lalu Prasad before joining the RJD, said, "The JD(U) under Nitish is no longer the JD(U) it used to be. It has become directionless and rudderless."

Others who joined the RJD on Friday include former MLA Rahul Sharma, Chanakya Prakash, and LJP(R)'s Ajay Kushwaha.

"Nitish is no longer functioning as the CM. It's select people from the BJP in New Delhi who are governing Bihar through a remote, with a systematic ploy to finish off Nitish, who is playing his last innings as the CM," said Tejashwi while welcoming the new entrants in the party fold.

Santosh Kushwaha is likely to be the RJD candidate from the Dhamdaha seat against JD(U) leader and sitting MLA Leshi Singh, who is also the state's food minister.

Rahul Sharma could be the RJD nominee from Ghosi, where CPI-ML's sitting MLA Rambali Singh Yadav is not willing to give up the seat to the alliance partner.

### 'Promising moon'

Meanwhile, the JD(U) has slammed Tejashwi for promising the moon in the name of giving government jobs to each and every family in Bihar. "It's an election bubble," said Nitish's key aide and senior minister Ashok Choudhary.

The JD(U) leader dwelt at length on how Bihar, after the recent caste survey, had a 13 crore population with 2.75 crore families.

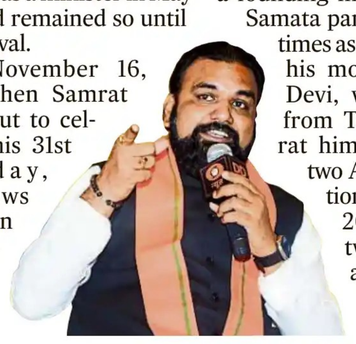
"Altogether, there are 22 lakh government jobs in the state. How one can give jobs to the remaining 2.5 crore families is beyond comprehension," wondered Choudhary.

## The 'age-old' problem returns to haunt Samrat Choudhary

**ABHAY KUMAR**
PATNA

While currently, Samrat Choudhary is among the tallest BJP leaders of Bihar, being the former state party chief and current deputy chief minister, it was another tall state BJP leader and ex-deputy CM, Sushil Kumar Modi, who ensured Samrat's removal as a minister in 1999 for being "underage".

Modi was then the Leader of the Opposition, representing the BJP, while Samrat was a minister in the Rabri Devi-led RJD government. He was neither a member of the state Assembly nor the Legislative Council when he was sworn in as a minister in May 1999 and remained so until his removal.



On November 16, 1999, when Samrat was about to celebrate his 31st birthday, the news poured in that the then governor had ordered his dismissal, asking CM Rabri Devi to register a forgery case against him. An initially defiant Choudhary had to resign after RJD chief Lalu Prasad asked him to.

Choudhary's political career has been mired in controversies. He was originally in the RJD but switched over to the JD(U) before again crossing over the fence to the BJP for greener pastures. He has served as ministers in multiple governments, including under Rabri Devi in 1999, Jitan Ram Manjhi in 2014 and presently as Nitish Kumar's deputy since January 2024.

Choudhary was born in a political family. While his father, Shakuni Choudhary, a founding member of the Samata party, won seven times as MLA and MP, his mother, Parvati Devi, was an MLA from Tarapur. Samrat himself has won two Assembly elections in 2000 and 2010; he lost twice in 2005 and 2015.

After over two decades and several changes to the Bihar political scene, the age-old problem seems to have returned to haunt Choudhary. Recently, Jan Suraaj founder Prashant Kishor sought his sacking and arrest in a 1995 murder case. Kishor alleged that while Choudhary was released from jail after he submitted documents stating that he was a minor in 1995, his 2020 election affidavits revealed that he was 26 at the time of the incident.

Choudhary has dismissed Kishor's allegations, saying, "The man, who has never contested an election, is making allegations against me, hoping against hope that if he levels charges against Bihar's Deputy CM, he would get national media attention."

Choudhary is serving his second stint as MLC in the BJP, which has promoted him as a leader of the Koeri community, the castemen similar to Nitish's Kurmi. In Bihar, Kurmi and Koeri are treated as Luv-Kush, the mythological twins of Lord Rama. In the power corridors, too, Nitish and Samrat strike a similar chord nowadays.

## Gujarat court issues arrest warrant against ex-DGP

**SATISH JHA**
AHMEDABAD, DHNS

A district sessions court in Bhuj on Friday issued an arrest warrant against ex-Director General of Police (DGP) Kuldeep Sharma after he didn't surrender himself before the jail authority to serve three months of imprisonment. Sharma was sentenced to undergo three months in jail in a 40-year-old custodial torture case.

Principal Sessions Judge DP Mahida passed the order on an application filed by complainant Shankar Govindji Joshi, arguing that Sharma was required to appear before the jail authorities by October 9 but failed to do so.

In February this year, Sharma, the 1976-batch ex-IPS officer, was found guilty of wrongful confinement and assault. He and another policeman, Girish Vasavada, were sentenced to three months of jail and a fine of Rs 1000 each.

Earlier, on September 24, the sessions judge had upheld the conviction order and directed that Sharma be taken into judicial custody to serve his sentence. He has approached the high court against the order and sought suspension of sentence.

The offense had occurred in May 1984 in the Kutch district when Sharma was posted there as superintendent of police. A group of Congress leaders, including a history sheeter Abdullah Haji Ibrahim alias Ibla Sheth, had gone to meet Sharma in connection with the arrests of a few persons in a criminal case.

An argument between the policemen and Congress leaders broke into a scuffle during which Sharma and his other policemen were accused of assaulting and illegally confining them.

Local Congress leader Shankar Govindji Joshi, who was part of the group, had filed a court complaint against Sharma.

## Kerala HC orders criminal case over Sabarimala gold issue

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS:** Based on the probe report of the Travancore Devaswom Board's vigilance wing, the Kerala High Court on Friday directed the police to register a criminal case in connection with the "misappropriation of gold" in the Sabarimala shrine and submit a probe report in 6 weeks.

The court said that the probe report placed before it also revealed that 474.90g of gold from the platings of the 'Dwarapalaka' (guardian deity) was illegally taken by Bengaluru-based Malayali Unnikrishnan Potti, the sponsor who had offered to carry out the plating.

In the meantime, it also came to light that the 'yoga danda' (T-shaped wooden staff) and 'rudraksha' bead chain of the Ayyappa deity were gold-plated in 2019 by then devaswom board president A Padmakumar's son Jayashankar Padman without following any procedures.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Friday reiterated that stringent action would be taken against all those responsible. The CPM rejected the opposition's demand for the resignation of the devaswom minister and Travancore Devaswom Board members.

Meanwhile, the opposition Congress-led UDF and BJP are cashing in on the issue by conducting state-wide agitation.

The Congress even organised a 'Viswasa Sangamam' (Believers' Gathering) on Thursday that witnessed the participation of all top leaders of the party. It marked the beginning of regional rallies to be organised across the state in the coming days, which will end with another major demonstration at Pandalam, believed to be the place where Ayyappa spent his childhood.

Sabarimala Thantri Kandararu Rajeevaru expressed his sadness that gold from the temple was missing.

Incidentally, the two-month-long pilgrimage of the shrine is hardly two months away.

Already, the devaswom board admitted the lapses in removing the platings of the two 'dwarapalaka' idols sans procedure. While the plating works are usually done at temple, the permission given to Potti to take it to Chennai, and the 39-day transit time taken by Potti, added to mysteries.

**Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Ltd.**
Nagarabhivruddi Bhavan, #22, 17th 'F' Cross, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Near BMTC Bus Depot, Bengaluru-560 038. Telephone No: 91-80-25196100, 25196124
Fax: 080-25196110 e-mail: info@kuidfc.com Website: www.kuidfc.com

**No: KUIDFC/UWM/TEND/19/2025-26/2583** **Date: 09.10.2025**

**Tender Notification**

KUIDFC invites tenders under NGT Environmental compensation fund and SBM (U) 2.0 fund for below mentioned project from the eligible Contractors. The tender document will be available on KPP portal of GoK (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

| Sl. No. | Name of Work | Amount put to Tender (Excl GST) Rs. in Lakhs | Earnest Money Deposit Rs. in Lakhs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | "Upgradation of sewerage system in Hosakote Town under NGT environmental compensation fund in DBOT model" **(Phase-1)** | **1123.00** | **12.00** |
| 2 | Construction of NEBR Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of capacities of 5.50 at **Mahalingapura** and 10.46 MLD at **Jamkhandi** ULBs of Bagalkot District and Construction of CAMUS type STP 1.55 to 2.86 MLD in **Yaragatti** ULB of Belagavi District, **Mulgund** ULB of Gadag District, **Nidagundi** & **Chadchan** ULBs of Vijayapura District under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)-2.0 fund along with 5 years Operation and Maintenance (including 1-year Defect liability period) of constructed facilities through Design, Built, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model. (Package: SBM/BGM_Pkg-6) | **2327.46** | **24.00** |
| 3 | Construction/Upgradation of sewerage system for Humnabad city under NGT environmental compensation fund & SBM(U)-2.0 fund on DBOT Model-Call-4 | **2594.37** | **26.00** |
| 4 | Construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) of varying capacities of **1.69 to 2.40 MLD** in **Kamalapura** & **Yadrami** ULBs of Kalburgi District, **Kavital** ULB of Raichur District and Rehabilitation of existing STP of **Gurmatkal** ULB of Yadgir District with 5 years Operation and Maintenance (including 1-year Defect liability period) under Swachh Bharat Mission (U)-2.0 fund through Design, Built, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model. **(Package: SBM/KLB_Pkg-5)** | **934.12** | **14.00** |
| 5 | Construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) of varying capacities of **2.74 to 2.91 MLD** in **Kudatini** ULB of Ballari District, **Kukanoor** & **Tavaragera** ULBs of Koppal District and **Mariyammanahalli** ULB of Vijayanagara District with 5 years Operation and Maintenance (including 1-year Defect liability period) under Swachh Bharat Mission (U)-2.0 fund through Design, Built, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model. **(Package: SBM/KLB_Pkg-6)** | **1355.10** | **14.00** |
| 6 | Construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) of varying capacities of 3.51 to 7.09 MLD in **Mudagal, Devadurga, Lingasagur & Manvi** of Raichur District with 5 years Operation and Maintenance (including 1-year Defect liability period) under Swachh Bharat Mission (U)-2.0 fund and Construction/Upgradation of sewerage system in **Yadgir town** of Yadgir District under Jalashuddi Mission NGT environment compensation fund & SBM (U)-2.0 fund through Design, Built, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model. **(Package: SBM/KLB_Pkg-4) Call-2** | **6846.21** | **69.00** |

1) Tender Publish Date: **10.10.2025.** 2) Pre-bid meeting Date & Time: **23.10.2025 Time: 11.30 AM.** 3) Last Date & Time for Bid submission: **31.10.2025 Time: 5.30 PM.** 4) Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid: **03.11.2025 Time: 11.00 AM.** 5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial bid: **10.11.2025 Time: 11.00 AM.**
Interested bidders may view, download & upload the tenders only through KPP portal. Any further notification will be through KPP portal and KUIDFC official website only.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit, UWM-KUIDFC, Bengaluru.**

DIPR/CP/3180/MAA/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
**Office of The Administrative Medical Officer, Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar, Shivamogga District-577401.**

No.: S.D.H.S./P.F.S.T./42/2025-26 Date: 08.10.2025

**Re e-Tender Notice regarding supply of prepared diet food.**

Re e-Tender is invited through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal(KPPP) as per two tender document system from eligible firms for supply of prepared diet food to Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar and Mother and Children Hospital, Sagar. Interested, eligible Tenderers can upload the rates. Last date for uploading the rates: 03.11.2025 up to 4.30 PM and forfurther details in this regard, it is requested to log on to website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

**Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar.**

DIPR/smg/No.39/10/25-26/KSMCA/SMG/1054

**Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited**
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
e-mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in , Website: www.bmrc.co.in

**No. BMRCL/37/INS/CGLPOLICY_2025-26** **Date: 10.10.2025**

**INVITATION OF BIDS FOR RENEWAL OF BMRCL COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY (CGL) INSURANCE POLICY 2025-26**

BMRCL is inviting bids from eligible Insurance Companies for renewal of its CGL Insurance Policy for the year 2025-26. For details, please visit Tender Section on our website: **www.bmrc.co.in.** The bids will have to be submitted online through the CPP Portal of the Government. Go through the detailed instructions in this regard to submit your competitive premium quotes.

**Sd/-**
**Company Secretary**

**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

**Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division,** 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore - 01
**Telephone No.** 080-22133370, **Email ID:** eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
**E-Portal :** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

**Tender Notification No. 26/2025-26 DATED: 09.10.2025**

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, Anekal, Hoskote & Nelmangala Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP. Tender Notification are Published for 06 work **(Rs.7.00 to 30.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP portal.

**1.** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on Dated: 17.10.2025**

**2.**The opening of tenders through KPP portal on **Dated: 18.10.2025 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details contact this office.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer**
**PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

DIPR/CP/3194/Zen/2025-26

**KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD**
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

**Tender Notification**
**(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)**

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

**Last date for submission of bid:** 10.11.2025 upto 4.00 PM

| Sl.No. | Name of the work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Construction of Bengaluru North University Phase-II at Amaravathi, Jangamakote Hobli, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District. **Work Indent & IFT No:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 652 & IFT No.99/2025-26 Date: 10.10.2025. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.89,93,57,821/-. |

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

DIPR/CP/3199/AKAR/2025-26

**ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ**
ತಲಘಟ್ಟಪುರ, ಕನಕಪುರ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560109
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–23902957

ಸಂ: ಕರಾರೇಸಂಅಸಂ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ–1/ಹೊಗುನೇ/05/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.10.2025

**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)**
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ತಲಘಟ್ಟಪುರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಗ್ರೂಪ್ "ಸಿ" ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರೂಪ್ "ಡಿ" ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹೊರ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲದಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ / ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10.10.2025** ರಿಂದ. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಲಕೋಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **18.10.2025** ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://kssrdi.karnataka.gov.in** ಮತ್ತು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಹಾಗೂ ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ತಲಘಟ್ಟಪುರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ದೂರವಾಣಿ: **9164141108** ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: **kssrdi12@gmail.com** ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಕರಾರೇಸಂಅಸಂಸ್ಥೆ

DIPR/CP/SPAN/3202/2025-26

**KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED**
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
**Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Phone: 08426-281027**
**E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com**

No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2025-26/1892 Dated:10.10.2025

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through KPP Portal Only)**

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on Item Rate & Percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work indents of **Two Cover** – (1) I .No. 2463 (others) – 50.73 Lakhs (2) I .No. SE0181 (others) – 20.00 Lakhs **(Service Tender) Single Cover** - work indents of (1) I .No. 2556 (OTHERS)- 8.47 Lakhs **The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 13.10.2025 to 21.10.2025 up to 5-00 PM. Cover-I (Technical & Financial) Bid will be opened on 24.10.2025 at 11-00AM for Single covers & For Two Covers Technical Bid will be opened on Dt: 24.10.2025 & Financial Bid Opened on Dt: 28.10.2025** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti**

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## Taiwan unveils 'T-Dome' air defence system to counter China

**TAIPEI, REUTERS:** Taiwan will build a new multi-layered air defence system called "T-Dome" to defend itself against enemy threats and increase defence spending, President Lai Ching-te said on Friday, calling on China to renounce the use of force to seize the island.

Democratically governed Taiwan has faced increased military and political pressure from China, which views the island as its own territory over the strong objections of the government in Taipei.

Taiwan is ramping up defence spending and modernising its armed forces, but faces a China that has a far larger military and is adding advanced new weapons such as stealth fighter jets, aircraft carriers and a huge array of missiles.

Lai said in his National Day address that Taiwan is determined to spend more on defence, and would propose a special budget for military spending by the end of the year, showing the government's determination to protect the island.

## Sunak cleared for paid advisory roles with American tech giants

**LONDON, PTI:** Britain's former prime minister Rishi Sunak has been cleared by a government watchdog to take on part-time paid advisory roles with tech giant Microsoft and AI firm Anthropic, both based in the US.

Sunak, who is now a back-bench Conservative Party MP for Richmond and Northallerton, had approached the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments under the government's "Business Appointment Rules for Former Ministers".

# Israel ceases fire and Gazans start to trek home to north

### Thousands of Palestinians return to shattered homes

NUSEIRAT, AFP

Israel declared a ceasefire and started pulling back troops in Gaza on Friday, as thousands of displaced Palestinians began to trek back to their wrecked homes.

After two years of brutal war, the families of Israel's remaining hostages in the territory were also hoping the truce -- pushed by US President Donald Trump — would hold.

The Israeli army said its troops had ceased fire at noon (0900 GMT) "in preparation for the ceasefire agreement and the return of hostages".

Three hours later, the US Pentagon confirmed Israel had completed the first phase of a pullback laid out in Trump's peace plan. Israeli forces still hold around 53 percent of the Palestinian territory. The withdrawal set the clock running on a 72-hour deadline for Hamas to release the remaining hostages held in Gaza.

Israel, meanwhile, published the list of the 250 Palestinian prisoners it plans to release — along with 1,700 Gazans detained since Hamas triggered the latest conflict on October 7, 2023, with a brutal cross-border assault.

Palestinians make their way along Al-Rashid road towards Gaza City from Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip on Friday. AFP

As the ceasefire began, long columns of Palestinians, exhausted by two years of intense bombardment and what the UN has warned were famine conditions, began a trek back from the southern city of Khan Yunis towards their shattered homes further north.

The EU mission at the Rafah border point between Gaza and Egypt will be reopening a pedestrian crossing on October 14, Italy said. Under the ceasefire deal, Hamas will hand over 47 hostages — living and dead — still held from the 251 abducted during the attack two years ago.

The remains of one more hostage, held in Gaza since 2014, are also expected to be returned. Gaza's civil defence agency confirmed that Israeli troops and armoured vehicles were pulling back from forward positions in both Gaza City and Khan Yunis.

But Israel warned some areas were still off-limits and that Palestinians should steer clear of its forces while they are "in the midst of adjusting operational positions in the Gaza Strip". "We're going back to our areas, full of wounds and sorrow, but we thank God for this situation," 32-year-old Ameer Abu Lyadeh said in Khan Yunis.

Before dawn on Friday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the government had approved a framework of the hostage-release deal. "Citizens of Israel, two years ago, the Simhat Torah holiday became a day of national mourning," Netanyahu said, referring to a Jewish festival that begins at nightfall on Monday. "This Simhat Torah, with God's help, will be a day of national joy, celebrating the return of all our brothers and sisters held hostage," he said.

Israel had previously said all parties had signed the first phase of a ceasefire agreement at talks this week in Egypt, adding that Hamas freeing its remaining Israeli captives would "bring the end to this war".

### US to deploy troops

**The US is sending about 200 troops to Israel to help support and monitor the ceasefire deal in Gaza, AP/PTI reports from Washington. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details not authorised for release, said US Central Command is going to establish a "civil-military coordination centre" in Israel that will help facilitate the flow of humanitarian aid as well as logistical and security assistance into the territory wracked by two years of war.**

# Trump threatens 'massive' tariffs against China

### No reason to meet Xi as they are becoming very hostile: US Prez

WASHINGTON, AFP

US President Donald Trump said Friday he no longer feels the need for a summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping this month, slamming Beijing for hostile trade practices and threatening "massive" tariffs.

In a lengthy and unexpected Truth Social post, Trump railed against China imposing export controls on rare earth minerals — a critical component in modern technology.

"Some very strange things are happening in China! They are becoming very hostile," Trump said in the post, which he sent as he headed for a medical check-up at a military hospital near Washington.

"I was to meet President Xi in two weeks, at APEC, in South Korea, but now there seems to be no reason to do so," he said, adding that he had also seen no reason to call Xi about the issue. Trump added: "One of the Policies that we are calculating at this moment is a massive increase of Tariffs on Chinese products coming into the USA."

Wall Street stocks quickly tumbled into negative territory as traders worried the simmering trade war between Washington and Beijing could reignite.

As recently as last week, Trump had stressed the importance of his plans to meet Xi at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, which was to be their first encounter since the US president returned to power in January. He had also said that he would travel to China next year.

But in his post on Friday, Trump said China had sent letters to countries around the world detailing export controls on "each and every element of production having to do with Rare Earths, and virtually anything else they can think of, even if it's not manufactured in China."

"There is no way that China should be allowed to hold the World 'captive,' but that seems to have been their plan for quite some time," Trump wrote.

Rare earth elements are critical to manufacturing everything from smartphones and electric vehicles to military hardware and renewable energy technology.

## Two Indians among over 50 entities sanctioned by US over links to Iran

WASHINGTON, PTI

The US has sanctioned more than 50 entities, individuals and vessels, including two Indian nationals, for allegedly facilitating Iranian energy sales, in an effort to dismantle "key elements" of Tehran's energy export machine.

The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) announced the sanctions on Thursday.

"These actors have collectively enabled the export of billions of dollars' worth of petroleum and petroleum products, providing critical revenue to the Iranian regime and its support for terrorist groups that threaten the United States," the department said in a press release.

The sanctions are part of the department's efforts to curb Iran's petroleum and petrochemical exports.

"The Treasury Department is degrading Iran's cash flow by dismantling key elements of Iran's energy export machine," it said, quoting Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent.

The Indian nationals sanctioned include Varun Pula, who owns Marshall Islands-based Bertha Shipping Inc., which owns and operates Comoros-flagged vessel PAMIR.

The vessel has transported nearly four million barrels of Iranian LPG to China since July 2024, according to the US statement.

The other Indian national sanctioned is Soniya Shrestha, who owns Vega Star Ship Management Private Limited. The company owns and operates another Comoros-flagged vessel, NEPTA, which has transported Iranian-origin LPG to Pakistan since January 2025.

## 7 dead after Philippines hit by quakes

**MANILA, REUTERS:** Two powerful offshore earthquakes struck southern Philippines on Friday, killing at least seven people, while towns near the epicentre suffered structural damage.

The first quake, magnitude 7.4, struck waters off the town of Manay in Davao Oriental province, triggering a tsunami alert for coasts within 300 km. Warnings for the Philippines and Indonesia were later lifted. A second quake of magnitude 6.8 hit the same area seven hours later, prompting a new tsunami warning.

## White House slams Nobel panel for 'placing politics over peace'

WASHINGTON, AP/PTI

The White House lashed out at the Norwegian Nobel Committee on Friday after US President Donald Trump was passed over for the Nobel Peace Prize, despite his administration's role in brokering a Gaza ceasefire this week.

The prize instead went to Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado, honoured for her "tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela," according to the committee.

White House communications director Steven Cheung accused the Nobel panel of "placing politics over peace" for not recognising Trump's diplomatic efforts. "He has the heart of a humanitarian, and there will never be anyone like him who can move mountains with the sheer force of his will," Cheung said, adding that Trump's mediation had "saved countless lives."

The administration made no direct comment on Machado's recognition. Her opposition to Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro aligns with Washington's stance, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio earlier praised her as "the personification of resilience, tenacity, and patriotism."

### 'Dedicated to Trump'

Machado, 58, who remains in hiding in Venezuela, later dedicated her award to Trump and the people of her country. "I dedicate this prize to the suffering people of Venezuela and to President Trump for his decisive support of our cause," she wrote on X. Later, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt shared Machado's post on X. Leavitt reposted the message without comment, signalling quiet approval from the administration.

Trump, long vocal about his desire for the prize, has frequently claimed credit for peace initiatives, including the Abraham Accords between Israel and Arab nations in 2020. He was formally nominated in December by Republican Representative Claudia Tenney of New York for that achievement.


**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
**Construction Organization, Ernakulam Jn**
**TENDER NOTICE No: 15-CE-CN-ERS-2025-OT Date 08.10.2025**
**Name of work: Road over Bridge in lieu of LC No.69A between Edappally and Ernakulam.**
Tender Value: **Rs. 884.10 Lakhs**
Bid Security: **Rs. 5,92,100/-**
Completion Period: 12 **Months**
Date and time-of tender closing:
**31/10/2025, 15.00 Hrs.**
Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**
**Chief Engineer/Construction Ernakulam Jn**

**S&T WORKS AT MALIGAON**
**E-Tender Notice No. 08RT of 2025-26.** E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. N-2025-26-08RT-Dy.CSTE-NW. Name of work:** S and T work in connection with provision of LED Video wall at NFRSA Indoor Stadium, Maligaon. **Tender Value:** ₹1,09,13,252/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹2,04,600/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tender:** At **15.00** hrs. & **opening** at **15.30** hrs. on **29-10-2025.** The complete information of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**
**Sr. Signal & Telecom Engineer/ Network, Maligaon**
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**S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER**
**e-Tender Notice No.: E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-91-92-25, Dated: 08.10.2025** and **e-Tender Notice No.: E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-93-94-25, Dated: 09.10.2025.** For and on behalf of the President of India, DRM(Engg)/Adra, South Eastern Railway invites **04 (Four)** nos. e-tenders for **RCC Tank, Misc. Works, H-Beam** and **LHS Works** as mentioned hereunder: **Sl.No.**-1, **Tender No.: E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-91-25. Description of works:** Replacement of old dilapidated and over aged RCC Tank by RCC over head tank at Purulia in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Tender value:** ₹ 2,63,34,248.72. **Sl.No.**-2, **Tender No.: E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-92-25. Description of works:** River Bed Mapping of Bridge No. 520 in Madhukunda-Damodar (30.5x22) section under the jurisdiction of DEN/Central/Adra in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Tender value:** ₹ 3,32,387.55. **Sl.No.**-3, **Tender No.: E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-93-25. Description of works:** Adra Division–TBSR (H-Beam)- 1195 nos. in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Tender value:** ₹ 3,83,87,944.62. **Sl.No.**-4, **Tender No.: E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-94-25. Description of works:** Construction of Limited Height Subway at locations of JC-26, JC-43, JC-53, JC-56 in between Purulia-Chandil in lieu of ROB by box pushing method and PK-17 at km. 343/4-5 between Gourinathdham-Barbenda of ROB by cut and cover method of Adra Division. **Tender value:** ₹ 32,28,19,301.83. The closing date and time of e-tenders are on **03.11.2025 at 15.00 hrs.** (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each) & **10.11.2025 at 15.00 hrs.** (for Sl.No. 3 & 4 each). Details of above e-tenders may please be seen at website **www.ireps.gov.in.** **(PR-706)**

**बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda** **Palace Orchards Branch,** No. 344/8, 4th Main, Upper Palace Orchards, Bengaluru - 560 080, Ph: 080-23617185, E-mail: vjpaor@bankofbaroda.co.in
**LOCKER BREAK OPEN NOTICE**
This is the information of our valued patron who has taken lockers on rent at below mentioned **Bank of Baroda, Palce Orchards Branch, Bengaluru** and have committed breach of agreement. The notices sent as per RBI / Bank's guideline to the renters at their recorded addresses have been returned undelivered stating either person//s addresses not found or left. Efforts to contact the locker holders in person at their present whereabout could not be ascertained. Thus. having no alternative, the notice is given to the persons named below for contacting branch and to clear the dues of the Bank within a period of 15 days, failing which the bank will proceed to Break Open the Locker at their cost, risk and responsibility and the Bank will exercise its right to lien for recovery of outstanding rent cost and other charges.
**BRANCH: Palace Orchards**
**Locker Hirer Name:** Indrani Medhi D/o Bimal Medhi Kumar, No. 282, 17th Cross, Parna Kutira, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560 080, **Locker No. :** 7411AX0132, **Rent Overdue:** ₹ 6,313/-, **Bank Open Date Time:** 15/01/2026 10.30 A.M.
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 10-10-2025
**Sd/- Authorised Officer Bank of Baroda**

**Metro Railway, Kolkata**
**Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Tele, Metro Railway, Kolkata** for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tender against Open Tender due to open on 31.10.2025 at 15:30 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of Work:** Repairing, Deep Cleaning and Overhauling of existing defective ACs in S&T Equipment Rooms along with Annual Maintenance Contract of all AC machines installed at different S&T Equipment Rooms of Blue Line in Metro Railway, Kolkata for a period of Two Years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 16,91,406.10; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 33,800, **Completion Period :** 28 months. The tender can be viewed at Website : **https://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tender.
**Tender Notice No. : S&T/Work_32-2025**
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**JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)**
**JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand. Ph No.: +91-651-2225878, CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752, e-mail Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com**
NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/RA/ SC/2025 - 667 Date- 10.10.2025
**e-Procurement (Tender Notice)**
**2nd Call of Tender**

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| 1 | Name of Work | Development of Roundabout of Sahjanand Chowk Hardscape & Softscape work |
| 2 | Mode of Bid Submission | e-tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) |
| 3 | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Rs. 3,96,04,560.00 /- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety-Six Lakhs, Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty) only. |
| 4 | Time of Completion | 11 Months (Including Monsoon & Mobilization Period) |
| 5 | Tender Fee and Bid Security to be submitted online | Tender document fee: Rs 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only **Non-Refundable.** Bid Security: Rs 3,97,000.00/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety-Seven Thousand) only |
| 6 | Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website | 11.10.2025 at 15:00 Hrs. |
| 7 | Last Date/Time of Bid Submission | 25.10.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 8 | Date/Time of opening of Bid | 29.10.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 9 | Bid Submission Address | Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834001 |
| 10 | Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell | 0651-2225878 |

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
**Sd/- Project Director (Technical) JUIDCO Ltd, Ranchi**
PR 363874 (Urban Development and Housing) 25-26 (D)

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
**Electrical (General), Construction, Chennai Egmore.**
**Tender Notice No. E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT4-RT-2025-26 dated 07/10/2025**
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/ General/ Construction/ Southern Railway / Egmore, Chennai 600008 invites E-Tender for the following Work.
**Name of Work:** Tindivanam Nagari Section (from Wallaja Road- Sholingur Town Station): -Shifting and Modification to HT 11 kV-8 Nos. 33 kV-3 Nos. and LT-40 Nos. Over Head Power Line Crossings by underground cables - Works Contract.

| | **Tender Notice No. and Date** | **E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT4-RT-2025-26 Dt: 07.10.2025.** |
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| 1 | Period of Completion | 6 Months |
| 2 | Approximate Cost of Work | ₹1,62,75,932.78/- |
| 3 | Cost of Tender form | Nil. |
| 4 | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | ₹2,31,400.00 |
| 5 | Tender Closing Date & Time | 03/11/2025 at 11.00AM. |
| 6 | Tender Opening Date & Time | 03/11/2025 at 11.30AM. |

Complete details can be seen on **www.ireps.gov.in.** **Dy. Chief Elec. Engineer/ Gen./Cons./S.Rly, Egmore, Chennai - 8**

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
**Salem Division**
**E-Tender Notice No. SA-TRD-2025-26-147A dated 09.10.2025**
Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction and Distribution branch/Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tenderer(s)/ Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** and only online tender will be accepted. It is the responsibility of Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature certificates for participating e-tendering.

| **Sl.No.** | **Tender No.** | **Name of work** |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **SA-TRD-2025-26-147A** | Salem Division: Improvements to existing OHE by elimination of silver brazed / worn out contact wire on condition basis. |

| **Appx. value of the work (In lakh)** | **Cost of tender form** | **Amount of EMD** | **Completion period of work** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 227.36 | 0 | 263700 | 07 months |

**Sl.No.1: Tender closing date and time: 03.11.2025 at 14.30 Hrs.**
Complete details of the above tenders are given on the e-portal **"www.ireps.gov.in".** For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"www.ireps.gov.in".** The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.
**Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Salem.**

**JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**
**(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)**
**JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001**
**E-Mail - pdt.juidco@gmail.com, juidcolimited@gmail.com**
**CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752**
**TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE**
**Name of Work:** Development of Roundabout of Sahjanand Chowk Hardscape & Softscape work
Ref PR No.: 361451
Tender ID: 2025_UDD_104752_1
NIT No.: JUIDCO/Roundabout/ Sahjanand/4081/662
All the bidders are hereby intimated that the tender for "Development of Roundabout of Sahjanand Chowk Hardscape & Softscape work" bearing Tender ID: 2025_UDD_104752_1 is hereby cancelled as no bids were received against the floated tender.
All the bidders are hereby requested to kindly wait for future correspondence.
**Sd/- (B K Roy) Project Director (Technical)**
**PR.NO.363871 Urban Development and Housing(25-26):D**

**Online Tender Document for M.P. Police**
**POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL**
**No.PHQ/15/GPC/3509-3/2025 Bhopal, Dated: 29-09-2025**
**"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"**
Online tender are invited by Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on website **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

| **s. No.** | **Item** | **Qty.** | **EMD Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in** | **Tender Fees (Rs.)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ADVANCED DIGITAL DUAL VIDEO SPECTRAL COMPARATOR FOR QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS LABORATORY M.P | 01 Nos. | 450000 | 10000 |
| | **Total Rs.** | | **450000** | **10000** |

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & **must submit online through website** https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.
2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
4. **Critical Date Sheet:**

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| Published Date | 30/09/2025 Time 12:00 PM |
| Bid Document Download Start Date | 01 /1 0/2025 Time 16:00 PM |
| Pre Bid Meeting Date | 08/10/2025 Time 12:00 PM |
| Bid Submission Start Date | 15/10/2025 Time 12:00 AM |
| Bid Submission End Date | 22/10/2025 Time 14:00 PM |
| Bid Opening Date | 23/09/2025 Time 16:00 PM |

5. Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/ modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum /addendum/ amendment.
6. Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated later.

Sd/-
**(Sandeep Dixit)**
**Assistant Inspector General of Police (Provisioning)**
**For- Director General of Police Madhya Pradesh**
**G-19786/25**

**JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED**
**(CIN No.:U40108JH2013SGC001704)**
Regd. Office: 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002
**Fax No.:0651-2400123 (E-mail:cetjusnl@gmail.com)**
**1st TIME EXTENSION NOTICE**
Important date against NIT No. 404/PR/JUSNL/2025-26 for Design, Engineering, Supply of Materials/ Equipments, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132 kV D/C Maithon – Tundi Transmission Line (44 Km.) on turnkey basis is hereby extended in following manner:-

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| End date and time of upload of BID | 29.10.2025 up to 04:00 PM |
| BID Opening date for technical & commercial part | 30.10.2025 at 04.00 PM |

This extension notice is also available on the website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
**PR No. 361725**
स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को 18003456570 (कॉल सेन्टर) पर दर्ज करायें।
**Sd/- General Manager C&M (NWBP)**
PR 363828 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd (25-26)_D

# India's gems & jewellery exports to UK set to double in 3 years

**Exports may double to $2.5 billion**

MUMBAI, DHNS

India's gem and jewellery exports to the UK are set to double to $2.5 billion within three years following the implemenation of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA). It will also result in the creation of over 140,000 new jobs and strengthening India's position as a global leader in diamonds, gold, silver, and lab-grown stones.

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), which represents India's gem and jewellery sector, was present at the India-UK CEOs Forum which was addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and British Premier Keir Starmer on the sidelines of the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai.

GJEPC Chairman Kirit Bhansali said that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement marks a pivotal moment for the Indian gem and jewellery sector, unlocking immense growth opportunities and reinforcing our global leadership.

"With exports to the UK set to more than double to $2.5 billion within three years, this partnership will not only boost trade but also generate over 140,000 new jobs, directly benefiting artisans, manufacturers, and exporters across all key segments," he added.

"The FTA strengthens India's position as a world leader in diamonds, gold, silver, and lab-grown stones, while enabling deeper market access and collaboration with UK retailers. We at GJEPC are committed to leveraging this historic agreement to drive innovation, employment, and sustainable growth for the industry and the millions who depend on it," Bhansali pointed out.

For India's gems and jewellery sector, Bhansali's presence underscored the industry's growing role in the global economy.

"With tariff barriers easing and market access expanding, the UK offers significant potential for export growth, design collaboration, and technology-driven value addition. The CETA promises to strengthen this momentum and position India's gem and jewellery industry for an even more prominent role in shaping the future of India–UK trade relations," he added.

The two-day forum focused on how the CETA signed earlier this year will reshape bilateral trade by removing tariffs on 99% of Indian exports to the UK and 90% of UK exports to India.

# H-1B Visa policy: No big impact on remittances to India

**Remittances may drop up to $5 billion in FY26: Ind-Ra**

UMA KANNAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

The recent H-1B visa policy changes will have a limited impact on remittances sent home by Indians in the US, and it will be within $5 billion in FY26. India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) stated that under the base scenario, net remittances would be hit by roughly $2.8 billion in FY26, roughly 0.07% of GDP.

"However, if there is a sharper drop of 50% in visa issuances, then net remittances would be lower by $4.5 billion in FY26 than the BAU (Business As Usual) projections, which would be 0.11% of GDP. On the other hand, if the decline in visa issuances is milder, net remittances would be lower by $2.0 billion in FY26 than the BAU projections (0.05% of GDP)," it said.

Remittances are personal transfers made by Indians working abroad to their families in India. Net remittances increased to $124.6 billion in FY25, more than doubling from $66.3 billion in FY15. According to the World Bank, since 2008, India has been the top recipient of remittances.

Remittances have become a stable source of financing for India's external balance, especially amid volatile foreign direct investments. They financed roughly 48.2% of India's goods trade deficit during FY20-FY25 (FY14-FY19: 44.6%). "In fact, during the external deficit crisis of FY12-FY13, high oil prices significantly increased the trade deficit, and net remittances covered only about a third of the goods trade deficit. This underscores the importance of remittances in managing external balances," the credit rating agency added.

Last month, US President Donald Trump signed an order that will introduce a $1,00,000 annual fee on H-1B visa applications. Amazon (10,044 workers using H-1B visas as of June this year), TCS (5,505), Microsoft (5,189), Meta (5,123), Apple (4,202) and Google (4,181) are the greatest beneficiaries of the visa programme.

Ind-Ra said the H1B visas issued by the US were flat at 1,80,000 during FY16-FY19 (US fiscal year runs from October to September) before dropping to a multi-decadal low of 61,569 in FY21. However, this started to improve thereafter, touching a record high in FY23. India's share in the H1B visa issuances fluctuated in the range of 37.2%-56.0% in the first decade of this millennium. Since then, it has been on a steady rise, touching an average of 77.2% during FY20-FY23; however declined to a decadal low of 68.6% in FY24, indicative of early signals of a shift in H1B visa issuances from various companies, it added.

"The new H-1B visa and remittance tax policies have amplified uncertainty, affecting the global economic sentiment since April 2025. This could increase the current account deficit by 0.1% of GDP in a pessimistic scenario. Net remittances are projected to grow 8% yoy to $134.6 billion in FY26 in the base scenario. However, a sharp fall in H-1B visa issuances poses downside risks, potentially reducing the net remittances growth to 6.7% yoy in FY26," said Paras Jasrai, Associate Director & Economist, Ind-Ra. Net remittances growth could slow down to around 5% yoy in FY27, half the CAGR during FY20-FY25, the rating agency added.

# NITI Aayog for decriminalisation of minor tax offences

**'Burden of proof' should shift from taxpayers to tax authorities**

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The government think-tank NITI Aayog has proposed a series of reforms in Income Tax Act, 2025, including decriminalisation of 12 direct tax-related offences linked to administrative, technical, and procedural defaults.

In its second edition of 'Tax Policy Working Paper', the NITI Aayog suggested that criminal punishment should be only for conduct involving fraudulent or mala fide intent.

The paper noted that while several archaic offences from the old legislation have been removed in the Income Tax Act, 2025, it continues to criminalise 35 actions and omissions across 13 provisions, most of which prescribe mandatory imprisonment.

Niti Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam.

"Of the 35 criminal offences identified, 12 should be fully decriminalised and addressed through civil or monetary penalties alone, including a range of administrative and technical defaults," it said.

It added that the remaining 17 offences should retain criminal liability only for fraudulent or mala fide intent, removing criminal sanctions for good faith procedural lapses—thereby distinguishing fraud from honest error.

However, the government think-tank has suggested retention of criminal provisions for serious misconduct involving deliberate, high-value, and injurious misconduct, such as orchestrated tax evasion or fabrication of evidence.

The paper titled "Towards India's Tax Transformation: Decriminalisation and Trust-Based Governance" also advocated for shifting the "burden of proof" with regards to fraudulent intent upon tax authorities rather than taxpayers, similar to criminal law.

"Normally, in a typical criminal litigation in a court of law, the burden of proof is on the police to prove that there was an offence. Similarly, we are (suggesting) reversing it back, saying it should be on tax authorities," said BVR Subrahmanyam, CEO of NITI Aayog.

Referring to the international best practices, NITI Aayog CEO noted that mature tax systems rely on trust-based governance, reserving criminal prosecution for deliberate and egregious non-compliance while addressing procedural or technical defaults through administrative and civil measures.

# TCS to create 5,000 new jobs in the UK

BENGALURU, DHNS

Indian IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday announced the launch of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Experience Zone and Design Studio in London, and it will create 5,000 new jobs across the UK over the next three years.

TCS has been a leading technology partner to UK enterprises for over 50 years, leading digital transformation and supporting talent development. It has also created employment in the country, supporting around 42,000 jobs directly and indirectly. The AI Experience Zone and London Design Studio will play a strategic role in fostering innovation and client collaboration across the UK, TCS said.

The London studio is the second design hub established by TCS, following the opening of the New York Design Studio in September.

Jason Stockwood, Minister for Investment, United Kingdom, said, "I was delighted to visit the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) campus in Mumbai to see their technological innovation first-hand. For nearly 150 years, Tata Group has reflected their leadership in entrepreneurship and philanthropy. Now, as we celebrate a landmark Prime Ministerial visit to India, we have reaffirmed the pledge between our two economies to maximise on the trade deal we signed in July. As a valued investor for the UK, Tata Group and its companies like TCS are central to this mission which ultimately will create jobs, put money in people's pockets, and deliver economic growth across both countries."

The business delegation accompanying UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer visited the TCS Banyan Park campus in Mumbai on Thursday. At the event, Minister Jason Stockwood, along with the TCS leadership team, launched a report by Oxford Economics detailing TCS' contribution to the UK economy.

The study highlighted that in FY2024, TCS contributed 3.3 billion GBP to the UK economy, and it supported a total tax contribution to the UK Exchequer of over 780 million GBP in FY2024, equivalent to the salaries of over 20,400 teachers.

Vinay Singhvi, Head- UK & Ireland, TCS said, "The UK is TCS' second-largest market globally, making it central to our investment strategy around the world. The AI Experience Zone will further help to foster innovation in collaboration with businesses throughout the UK."

## Govt opens SBI MD post for pvt sector

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** The government has opened top management positions in public sector banks, including the country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI), to private sector candidates.

Out of four positions of Managing Director in SBI, one position has been opened for private sector candidates and persons working in public sector financial institutions.

So far, all MD and chairman positions have been filled by internal candidates.

As per the revised appointment guidelines, one MD position will now be available to the private sector.

Similarly, the revised guidelines also permitted private sector candidates to appear for the selection process of executive director (ED) in the public sector banks (PSBs).

## NSIC to manage Rs 10k crore fund

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Ministry of MSME has entrusted National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) with managing a Rs 10,000 crore Sovereign Fund of Funds for MSMEs, aimed at providing growth capital to enterprises that have exhausted their equity and collateral capacities—thus enabling them to raise additional debt and scale operations, a top official said.

Addressing the members of Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (Kassia), here on Friday, Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman and Managing Director of NSIC highlighted that the success of a sustainable MSME sector rests on strengthening three key pillars—enterprise creation, capacity building and credit facilitation, and market linkage.

## AI Express to operate 3 new flights

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** The Air India Express has announced the launch of direct flights from Bengaluru, its largest station, to three new destinations in the West Asia — Jeddah and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.

The new services to Jeddah will commence from October 26, 2025, while flights to Riyadh and Kuwait will begin on October 27, 2025, further strengthening connectivity between South India and the Middle East.

Guests can book these flights at attractive inaugural fares ranging between Rs 13,500 to Rs 19,500 on the airline's website, airindiaexpress.com, its mobile app, and across major booking channels.

OBITUARY

## TTK Prestige Chairman Emeritus T T Jagannathan passes away

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** T T Jagannathan, Chairman Emeritus of kitchen appliance maker TTK Prestige, passed away late Thursday in Bengaluru. He was 77.

"We regret to inform you that the Company was intimated today (Friday) about the sudden demise of T T Jagannathan -Chairman Emeritus, belonging to the Promoter and Promoter Group of the Company, on October 09, 2025. His sudden and unexpected passing away will be an irreparable loss to the Company and all the Directors and employees of the Company convey deep sorrow and condolences to his family," the company said in a BSE filing.

Often referred to as 'The Kitchen Mogul', Jagannathan's major invention was the gasket release system.

"His sudden and unexpected passing away will be an irreparable loss to the Company and all the Directors and employees of the Company convey deep sorrow and condolences to his family," the company said.

Jagannathan was a Partner, with a share of 3% in T T Krishnamachari & Co., Promoter of the Company, which holds 8,27,67,238 Equity Shares (60.44%) in the company. He was holding 42,41,868 shares (3.10% of holding) in his personal capacity.

Chairman of TTK group T T Jagannathan.
DH FILE PHOTO

In an interview with *DH* some years ago, Jagannathan had said it was not easy to sell pressure cookers in the 50s, as the concept was very new to people, and that they visited house-to-house and demonstrated them.

In 1979, the company suddenly began losing market share to competitor Hawkins. "I was in Lucknow at a dealer's shop, and I was shocked when he showed me 60 burst Prestige cookers," Jagannathan had recalled during the interview. After investigating the reason behind the burst, Prestige came out with a cooker equipped with the Gasket Release System.

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BRIEF CORRIGENDUM-I NOTICE

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

| Description | Details |
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| Name of work | Replacement of various sizes three way mixing valves in AHU's at Main campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Benguluru-560017 |
| E-Tender Notice | URSC/C and MG/ACMD/AC/0046/ETN-02/2025-26 Dt.08.09.2025 |
| Estimated cost put to Tender | ₹ 17.33 Lakhs |
| Tender Document Details | E-Tender |
| Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order | 180 days / 06 months |
| Period during which the tender document can be downloaded. | Extended upto 16:30 Hrs. on 21.10.2025 |
| Bid clarification | Extended upto 17:00 Hrs. on 23.10.2025 |
| Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification. | Upto 17.00hrs on 24.10.2025 |
| Last date and time for receipt of tenders. | Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 31.10.2025 |
| Due date and time of opening of tenders. | After 15:00 Hrs. on 31.10.2025 |
| Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | ₹ 34,660/- (Validity for 180 days) |

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

Sd/- Group Director
(Construction & Maintenance Group)

FORM G
(ADDENDUM TO FORM G PUBLISHED ON 25.09.2025)
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR STERNE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED OPERATING IN E-COMMERCE (ONLINE B2B) INDUSTRY HAVING PAN INDIA OPERATIONS
(Under Regulation 36A(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

| | | |
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| 1. | Name of the corporate debtor along with PAN & CIN No. | Sterne India Private Limited PAN: AAXCS7393C CIN: U74999KA2016PTC097331 |
| 2. | Address of the registered office | 05th Floor, Salarpuria Sattva Eminence, Amani Bellendur Khane, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk , Bellandur, Bengaluru- 560103 |
| 3. | URL of website | Https://www.excedor.com/sterne-india-private-limited/ |
| 4. | Details of place where majority of fixed assets are located | • The Company had its Registered and Principal Business Office in Bengaluru. • Refer to the detailed Invitation to Expression of Invitation (IEOI) document for additional Information. |
| 5. | Installed capacity of main products/ services | NA |
| 6. | Quantity and value of main products/ services sold in last financial year | Refer to the detailed Invitation to Expression of Invitation (IEOI) document for additional information. |
| 7. | Number of employees/ workmen | Information not available |
| 8. | Further details including last available financial statements (with schedules) of two years, lists of creditors are available at URL: | https://www.excedor.com/sterne-india-private-limited/ |
| 9. | Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at URL: | https://www.excedor.com/sterne-india-private-limited/ |
| 10. | Last date for receipt of expression of interest | Revised Date: 09th November 2025 (Original Date: 10th October 2025) |
| 11. | Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants | Revised Date: 19th November 2025 (Original Date: 20th October 2025) |
| 12. | Last date for submission of objections to provisional list | Revised Date: 24th November 2025 (Original Date: 25th October 2025) |
| 13. | Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants | Revised Date: 04th December 2025 (Original Date: 04th November 2025) |
| 14. | Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants | Revised Date: 09th December 2025 (Original Date: 09th November 2025) |
| 15. | Last date for submission of resolution plans | Revised Date: 08th January 2026 (Original Date: 09th December 2025) |
| 16. | Process email id to submit Expression of Interest | sterneindia.cirp@gmail.com |

Notes: 1. This is an addendum to the Form G & Invitation for Expression of Interest issued on 25th September 2025, Accordingly, the timelines for submission of EoIs and the corresponding event dates have been extended.
2. The Resolution Professional ("RP") / Committee of Creditors ("COC") shall have discretion to change the criteria for the EOI at any point of time.
3. The RP / COC reserves the right to cancel or modify the process / application without assigning any reason and without any liability whatsoever.
4. The initial 180-day CIRP period is scheduled to conclude on 24th November 2025. The RP may approach the Hon'ble NCLT seeking an extension in the CIRP Period, and the aforesaid timelines shall remain subject to the approval of such extension by the Hon'ble NCLT.

Sd/-
Mr. Prakash V Kukreja
Resolution Professional for Sterne India Private Limited
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Date: 11th October 2025
Place: Mumbai

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The corporation is offering storage space on lock & key basis to Store Agriculture Produce, Raw / Processed Materials/ Manufactured / Consumer / Industrial / Medical Goods on Short / Long Term Basis. Interested parties may visit kswc.karnataka.gov.in or Warehouse Managers/ Regional Managers and obtain application/documents. Filled application in sealed cover may be submitted to Managing Director to the above address on or before 26.10.2025. For more information please contact No: 9148511919, 8277070838 or this office, Warehouse Manager/ Regional Manager.

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Managing Director, KSWC

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Short Term - Tender Notification No. : 07/2025-26 Date : 06-10-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

On behalf of the **Managing Director, C.N.N.L., Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi Canal Division, Tumakuru** undersigned invites **13 Number of Tenders Costing from Rs. 16.14 Lakhs to Rs. 390.73 Lakhs** on Item Rate Basis using Standard conditions KTPP Through KPPP Portal using Two Cover System from eligible Contractors.

**1) The contractor can have access to Electronic Bid Documents - I, II, III & IV in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from Date : 09-10-2025 to 18-10-2025 upto 4.00 p.m., 2) Last Date & Time for Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Date : 14-10-2025 till 4.00 p.m., 3) Pre-Bid Meeting on Date : 15-10-2025 at 11.00 a.m. in the Office of Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Canal Division, C.N.N.L., Kunigal Road, Tumakuru, 4) Electronic Bid Document - 1 (Technical Bid) will be Opened in Karnataka Public Portal on 21-10-2025 at 4.30 p.m. Onwards. 5) Electronic Bid Document - 2 (Financial Bid) of qualified Technical Bidders will be Opened in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on Date : 27-10-2025 at 11.00 p.m. Onwards or any other Convenient Date, after the approval of Electronic Bid Document - 1 (Technical Bid).**

For EMD Details, Work Details, Eligible Class of Contractor, Qualification Conditions & any other conditions can be obtained in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Hemavathy Canal Division, CNNL, Tumakuru.

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# Wiggle the BOOKWORM

**Rachna Chhabria brings the tale of a worm whose love for reading led him to an eye doctor**

Though Wiggle the worm looked like the other worms living in the worm world, he was a unique worm. The reason was that he was a bookworm. He loved books, and he was the only worm in the worm world, who visited the worm world library every afternoon and spent a few hours reading books there.

Wiggle's nose was always buried inside the pages of a book. He even used books as a bed and pillow. All his pocket money went into buying books. His room was filled with books of all kinds. He had more books than there are days in a year.

His parents were absolutely irritated with this behaviour of their book-loving son. They felt that their son should play in the mud like other worms, that he should spend his money on cakes and cookies, that he should buy belts, headphones, sunglasses, caps, and shoes, just like the worms of his age did. But nothing and no one could convince Wiggle to leave his books.

This was also the reason Wiggle had no friends. His classmates called him a logoworm (a worm who loved words). Because he had no friends, he used all his time to read more books. All this reading had increased his vocabulary. No wonder all the other worms called him Wiggle the Wordsmith, as he was a skilled user of words. He also got the highest marks for essays in worm school.

One day, while Wiggle was reading, the words on the page became blurred. The words started swimming before his eyes. He blinked, hoping to clear his eyes, but he still couldn't read.

The next day too, the same thing happened. Wiggle just couldn't read. The words were drifting in and out of his focus. Wiggle got worried. Was he afflicted with some mysterious illness that affected his reading? He rushed to the doctor's clinic.

"Good morning, Doctor Dingo," Wiggle said to his doctor, a hippo.

"Are you alright?" Doctor Dingo asked in a concerned voice.

"Doctor, I have had blurred vision for the past few days," Wiggle said.

"I need to do a thorough eye examination," Doctor Dingo said.

"Doctor, I hope my reading won't be affected. I can't give that up," Wiggle said.

The doctor examined Wiggle's eyes. Then he made him read the chart stuck on the wall. The worm couldn't read the last four rows.

"Hmm, looks like you will need to wear glasses," Doctor Dingo said.

"Oh no," Wiggle cried. "I'll look silly in glasses. Everyone will call me names and tease me, saying I have four eyes."

"Do you want your eye power to keep increasing?" Doctor Dingo said sternly. "Do you want to continue reading books?"

"No and yes," Wiggle said. "But I won't wear glasses."

He walked out of the eye doctor's clinic, leaving the money at the reception.

The entire day he gazed out of the window of his house, as he was unable to read. This was the longest time he had been away from a book.

The next morning Wiggle woke up early and arrived at Doctor Dingo's clinic.

"So, you changed your mind?" Doctor Dingo asked.

"Yes, because there is no way I can keep away from books," Wiggle said. "So, I'll be a good worm and wear the glasses you prescribe."

"Great," Doctor Dingo said. "Here is your prescription. Go to Mr Rik, the horse, and he will make you the best pair of glasses that will enable you to read well."

Wiggle slunk away, holding the prescription. He soon reached Mr Rik's shop. His eyes widened when he saw all kinds of glasses lining the shelves.

"What can I do for you, Wiggle?" asked Mr Rik, pushing his glasses up his nose as he peered at the worm standing on his counter.

"I need a pair of glasses," Wiggle said softly. "Here is the prescription from Doctor Dingo."

Taking the slip of paper from the worm's hand, Mr Rik studied the worm. "You need a unique pair of glasses that will not just help you read well, but also make you stand out from the other worms," he said. "Try out these pairs." He handed the worm several glasses.

"I like this one," Wiggle said.

"Good choice," Mr Rik said with a smile. "These are made from the bark of a special tree. They are unbreakable, so even if Doctor Dingo sits on them, the frame won't break. I'll fix plastic lenses for you, so that they don't break either."

"Come back in half an hour; your glasses will be ready," Mr Rik said. "You can pay the money at the reception."

Wiggle paid the amount at the cash counter and walked out. He sat outside Mr Rik's shop for thirty minutes.

Half an hour later, Wiggle wore the glasses. When Wiggle looked at the page, the words didn't float or swim. They stayed put.

So happy was Wiggle that he started a book club called Bookworm — many worms joined the book club and attended the weekly meetings.

# 4 animation MOVIES on cats

**Watch these heartwarming stories of self-love, friendship and family**

## The Cat Returns (2002)

**Director:** Hiroyuki Morita
When schoolgirl Haru saves a cat from being hit by a truck, she's stunned to learn it's actually a feline prince. As a reward, she's invited to the magical Cat Kingdom — only to discover she's expected to marry him! Haru is soon swept into a surreal world where cats talk and dance. With help from the dapper Baron and the grumpy Muta, she must rediscover her courage and find her way back home before she forgets who she really is.

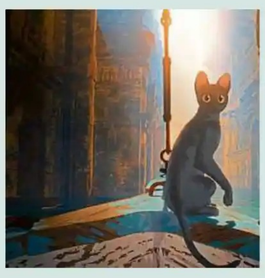
## A Whisker Away (2020)

**Directors:** Junichi Sato and Tomotaka Shibayama
Miyo Sasaki, a cheerful yet lonely teenager, is secretly in love with her classmate Kento. One day, she discovers a mysterious mask that allows her to transform into a cat, giving her a way to get close to him without revealing her human identity. But the more she slips into her feline form, the more she risks losing her humanity forever. Poignant and imaginative, 'A Whisker Away' is a heartwarming Japanese film about identity, love, and learning to accept yourself.

## The Aristocats (1970)

**Director:** Wolfgang Reitherman
Set in 1910 Paris, this classic follows Duchess, a refined mother cat, and her three kittens who live a pampered life with their wealthy owner. Trouble begins when the greedy butler Edgar kidnaps them, hoping to claim their inheritance. Stranded far from home, Duchess and her kittens are rescued by the street-smart alley cat Thomas O'Malley, who teaches them to swing to the rhythm of jazz and life. Full of charm, music, and adventure, the film celebrates friendship and family.

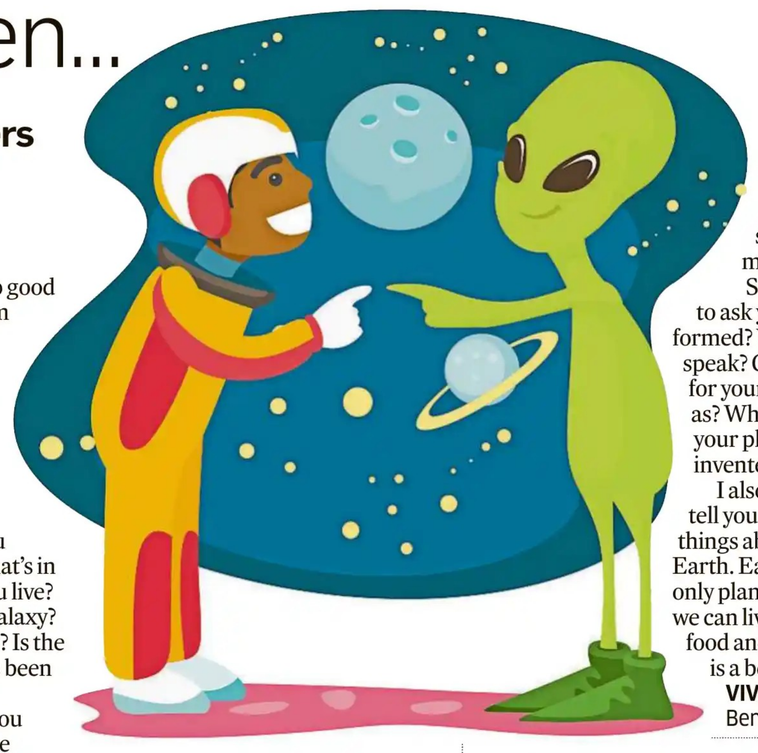
## Flow (2024)



**Director:** Gints Zilbalodis
In this silent yet visually stunning film, a solitary cat survives a massive flood that submerges his world. Stranded on a small boat, the cat gradually joins forces with other animals — a capybara, a lemur, a bird, and even a dog — as they navigate through drowned cities and surreal landscapes. Despite their differences, the group must learn to trust one another to survive. This award-winning movie is about adaptation, resilience, and strength found in companionship.

# Dear alien...

**Open Sesame readers write to an extra-terrestrial creature**



*Dear Alianna,*

How are you? It would be so good to meet you someday. I am curious to know many things about you and your universe. And who else but you, my friend Alianna, could give me the best information?

A few questions I have for you: How do you guys talk to each other since there's no air in space? What do you eat? Have you ever been inside a black hole? What's in there? Is it magical? Where do you live? Is it in our galaxy or some other galaxy? Do you have pets in your universe? Is the Big Bang theory real? Have aliens been there since the start of time?

I would also like to share with you about my planet Earth — there are beautiful beaches I love going to but there aren't any magical creatures here. I love my planet Earth. You can come swimming with me. You can also have some pizza, strawberries and maybe a latte with me.

Would love to hear back from you.

Your Earth friend,
**NADAH ZARINE NOFIL, 10,**
Bengaluru, Karnataka

*Dear Alien,*

I am writing from planet Earth. I love learning about the culture of aliens. Earth has mountains, plains, plateaus, valleys, etc. It has oceans, seas, rivers, ponds and lakes. It has one moon. Does your planet have features like these?

Earth is home to unique cultures, traditions and beliefs. It has different languages, art, music and food habits.

I have millions of questions spinning in my mind. Where do you live? Which planet do you live in? How do you live? Do you have traditions and religions like humans? Do you have any other forms of life on your planet, like animals, insects and reptiles on our Earth?

Thanking you. Your friend from Earth.
**DHANSHIKAA J G, 11**
Bengaluru, Karnataka

*Dear Alien,*

When I meet you, I would like to ask you and share with you the things mentioned below.

Some questions I would like to ask you: How was the universe formed? Which language do you speak? Can you make a spaceship for yourself? What do you work as? Where do you live? Which is your planet? What all have you invented?

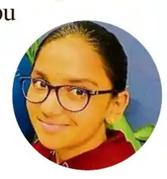
I also want to tell you some things about Earth. Earth is the only planet where we can live, and have food and water. Earth is a beautiful place.
**VIVAN BHANDARE, 8**
Bengaluru, Karnataka

*Mr Alien,*

How is life out there in the vast cosmos? We, people of Earth, may seem peculiar to you, with just a pair of eyes, hands and legs, but we are curious and peace-loving beings. I hope you are a very patient being because I have a whole constellation of questions for you. How many planets have you been to? How many languages do you know? How did you find us in this enormous universe? Have you ever been inside a black hole? What actually happens at singularity? Are white holes real? Did you reach our solar system through a wormhole? Does your civilisation obey the laws of physics? Have you ever entered another dimension?

Here's is a funny question — do you have to do homework on your planet?

These are my questions and you can ask me questions about Earth too. You should know that you are always welcome to our planet. We will be delighted to have you here, and remember, you will be the coolest guest in the galaxy!



Warm regards across stars,
**NIVEDITHA H, 14,**
Bengaluru, Karnataka

**This Week:**

# Malgudi medley

Open Sesame Quiz

**Take the fun Open Sesame quiz, and stand a chance to win gift vouchers worth Rs 500. Open to children below 16 years.**

**Q1** RK Narayan was born on October 10, 1906. His first novel, 'Swami and Friends', is set in the fictional town of Malgudi. Which English writer helped him get the book published?

**Q2** 'Malgudi Days', a 1986–1988 TV series, was based on R K Narayan's short-story collection of that title. Who directed it, and acted in two of its thirty-nine episodes?

**Q3** Which of R K Narayan's stories features a controversial statue of the British officer who supposedly created Malgudi, in the 19th century, by combining and developing a few villages?

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Or visit bit.ly/DHopensesame to participate in the quiz.

**Q4** **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
**Clue A:** Rosie visits Malgudi in R K Narayan's novel, 'The__'.
**Clue B:** To conceal from sight.

**Q5** **Clue Cluster:** Which animal recounts his Malgudi experiences in a novel by R K Narayan?
Use these clues:
a) 'Life of Pi'
b) Endangered
c) National
d) Shere Khan

**LAST WEEK'S WINNERS:**
**Adarsh Balasubramanian (14), Bengaluru.**

## POETS IN THE MAKING

Want to see your poetry in print?

Send in poems on the topic 'Secret life of toys' to *Open Sesame*. You may be featured in an upcoming edition. Mail your work — not more than 12 lines — to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*. Entries close on October 16. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph.

## LET'S DEBATE!

Want to take part in the upcoming *Open Sesame* debate? Share your thoughts in a crisp 200-word essay on the topic: 'Can one person make a difference to the planet?' Mail your works to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*. Entries close on October 30. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, school and city. And send us a recent photograph.

## Word of the Week

**ramification**

(noun)
— an unwelcome consequence of an action or event.

Usage:
— He didn't fully understand the financial ramifications of skipping his insurance payments.
— The court's decision could have far-reaching ramifications for future cases.

## ART CORNER

Love painting?

Want to showcase your flair for colours? Send your paintings on the theme 'October' to *Open Sesame* and stand a chance to get featured in an upcoming edition. Mail photographs of your work to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph of yourself. Entries close on October 23.

**The expedition:** Began on December 3, 1983, departing from Mormugao port in Goa, India.

**Vessel:** The team of 81 individuals, including scientists, engineers, and support staff, travelled on the Finnish ice-class cargo vessel, MV Finnpolaris.

**Ocean crossing:** The ship navigated south across the Indian Ocean.

**Arrival in Antarctica:** The Finnpolaris reached the Antarctic ice shelf on December 26, 1983, after sailing for 23 days. The ship was secured alongside fast ice on December 27, 1983.

**Destination:** The expedition's landing point was in the Central Dronning Maud Land region, where they established the permanent research station, Dakshin Gangotri. The station was built on the ice shelf near the Schirmacher Oasis.

HOW INDIA GOT A SEAT AT THE

# Antarctic table

**Seismologist Dr Harsh Kumar Gupta was tasked with what was considered impossible — setting up a research station on the freezing cold continent in 60 days. Santosh Saligram, who delved into his story for a documentary, reconstructs the daring expedition**

One morning in April, I was in my study polishing a script when my wife, Sourabha, walked in with some exciting news. We had only last year launched a storytelling company dedicated to making documentaries on wildlife. Now it seemed that our friend and collaborator, Prakash Matada, an award-winning wildlife cinematographer and filmmaker, wanted us to meet someone for a project on Antarctica. This left me stunned for several reasons.

For one, Antarctica, although no longer the unchartered bastion of daredevil explorers that it once was, remains a far more remote realm than its northern counterpart, the Arctic, so the mention of a film project there surprised me. Anyhow, what could qualify us to do it, considering we had never been there? And who would fund it?

These questions lingered in our minds until Matada sent us the link to a video to prepare for the meeting. It featured the seismologist Dr Harsh Kumar Gupta. And within minutes of watching it, the mystery lifted: the story wasn't about wildlife at all, but an epochal event in world history that had remained hidden under layers of ice for over 40 years.

Dr Harsh Kumar Gupta

## Forbidding challenge

From 1981 to 1982, India had sent expeditions to the frozen continent, keen to have a seat at the Antarctic table. But to prove our mettle, it was first necessary to have a research base station there. They called it Dakshin Gangotri (literally 'Southern Gangotri'), after the glacier in Antarctica, itself named after the Gangotri Glacier of the Himalaya. The challenge? A team from India would have to build it in just one Antarctic summer — about 60 days — a feat that had never been achieved before by any country. A tall order.

But Dakshin Gangotri was only one of the feathers in Dr Gupta's hat. He was also the brain behind the development of the Indian Early Tsunami Warning System in response to the 2004 disaster, and had held numerous important positions — member of the National Disaster Management Authority of India, secretary of the Department of Ocean Development, director of the National Geophysical Research Institute, vice-chancellor of the Cochin University of Science and Technology, director of the Centre for Earth Sciences in Thiruvananthapuram, and professor at the University of Texas at Dallas, USA. We also discovered to our continued astonishment that he had authored five books published by Elsevier and Springer, and conceived and edited an entire Encyclopedia of Solid Earth Geophysics running into some 1,500 pages. He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2006.

## First meeting

We appeared for our introductory meeting with him intimidated by his stature. But the minute we walked in, we relaxed, as it became evident that he was a man of supreme gentleness, genuine modesty and a profound love for his work. He displayed none of the severity that is the hallmark of some scientists and scholars. He revealed that a big mainstream-film production house had approached him with a biopic proposal, but he had declined because they wanted to take full control of the story, and he was against sensationalism or fictionalisation of events. Reassured by his noble position, we discussed some possible approaches to the documentary.

Matada had meanwhile handed us a copy of Dr Gupta's book, 'Building Dakshin Gangotri at Antarctica: A Miracle', which was to serve as the primary reference to plan the film's narrative, and I fell into reading it soon enough. It gave me deep insight into the sheer magnitude of the challenge Dr Gupta had taken up, the onerousness of the risks it entailed, and the exceptional leadership he displayed.

## Into the unknown

In 1983, Dr Gupta, then 40, was among the several scientists who had pitched research projects in anticipation of the station's successful setup. The assessing panel rejected his proposal, citing limited manpower, but impressed by the blend of his youth and experience, counter proposed that he lead the expedition.

Never one to shy away from a gauntlet, Dr Gupta promptly called his wife Manju, living then in Thiruvananthapuram with their two children, Nidhi (12) and Benu (9). Manju readily consented to his plunge into the unknown.

This was remarkable, because the Antarctica of the '80s was a wild and terminal frontier. The only way to reach it was by a sea voyage lasting several weeks. Communication was limited to the occasional monosyllabic exchanges over a satellite phone.

But it wasn't only his family Dr Gupta would have to worry about. In his hands would be the lives of 81 crew members, 16 of whom were scientists, and the rest, engineers and pilots from the armed forces. Many of them had never seen snow and ice, and so they were taken to Ladakh's Machoi Glacier, where at about 15,750 feet, they rehearsed everything from walking to resisting the cold, and finding crevices to pitching tents.

## Departure from Goa

After several meetings with then-prime minister Indira Gandhi, who was personally monitoring the project, the team set sail from Goa on December 3, 1983, on Finnpolaris, a chartered Finnish ice-class ship, capable of cutting through 70 cm thick fast ice and cruising at up to 16 knots per hour. The nearly 160m-long, 22m-wide vessel with an 80-foot hold, was customised for the expedition to carry the 81 team members and their food, two Mi-8 helicopters and two Chetak helicopters, some 900 tonnes of building material, and 1,000 barrels of oil for running the generators of the station to be constructed. Out in the open ocean, they had enough time to contemplate the enormity of the task they had just signed up for: dig up an area of 620 square metres, erect two double-storey buildings with heating to house 12 scientists — all in less than 60 days. A few days were bound to be lost to blizzards and whiteouts. So hopeless seemed the goal that they were given a mere 15% chance of success.

After spotting their first iceberg on December 23, the crew reached the northern shore of the Antarctic landmass on December 26 and anchored the ship. Exploring the land in a PistenBully (a specialised snow groomer used primarily in snowy environments to prepare trails) the site for the construction was identified. But barely had the work begun when disaster struck.

## Narrow escape

While lifting a load, one of the Mi-8 helicopters flew off the ship without gaining adequate height, so that the underslung cargo became entangled with the ship's railing, dragging the copter down. In no time, its rotors hit the ship's crane, causing it to crash into the water, where it turned turtle. Fortunately, a Plexiglas window, which the team had carved out at the bottom of the copter to allow the pilot to view the slung load, allowed the occupants trapped inside to escape.

This immediately prompted a call from Indira Gandhi, who, after enquiring about the wellbeing of the men involved in the accident, posed a point-black question to Dr Gupta. "Can you still do it?" He replied, "If I don't do it, I don't come back." The captain took Dr Gupta aside and asked, "When do we leave?" He replied, "This is the last time you're asking this question. We will leave only after we complete the station." And there was a war-cry en-masse: "We shall do it!"

By the time I had finished reading the book, these words echoed in my room. I was raring to go. In May, together with two cinematographers, Rakesh Kote and Suveen Poojary, Sourabha and I travelled to Hyderabad, where Dr Gupta lives, to commence principal photography.

As the interviews unravelled, Dr Gupta told us the story in vivid detail — how the crew played pranks and games to pass the long hours to get to know one another better. There were good recreational facilities on board, including a table tennis table, and a tournament was held in which everyone participated. Many of the members fell badly seasick as the journey moved deeper south.

After the team landed on Antarctica and the site was identified, construction was no easy task. The helicopter crash meant that Dr Gupta did not want to risk any more underslung loads, so everything had to be disassembled and transported. The building was constructed using prefabricated timber elements. One block housed workshops and provided storage space, while the other had laboratories, a kitchen, a lounge and a living room, apart from two-people bunk rooms, a radio room and toilets for the 12 team members who would be wintering at the station. The team laboured away almost round the clock, through icicled beards and babies born back home.

1. **The Finnpolaris left from Goa on December 3, 1983;** 2. **The crew entertained themselves on board by playing games and pranking each other;** 3. **Some of the crew members pose for a photograph;** 4. **The Mi-8 helicopter with the underslung load, moments before crashing. The photographs are from the personal collection of Dr K J Mathew.**

The base station had become functional by February 24, 1984. Only one question remained: would it survive the harsh winter of Antarctica? Dr Gupta was assailed by doubts about whether it was safe to leave the wintering team behind. It was a tough decision to make. But something happened that may have seemed like a setback, but was a blessing in disguise. A big blizzard hit them from February 25 to 28, with the wind speeds breaking all previous records for this part of the continent. The team had to depart on March 1, failing which there was a real danger of the ship being ice-locked and the entire team getting stranded for a year. For four full days they were absolutely battered, and confined indoors. But that being a leap year, there was a 29th day in February! And when the blizzard subsided, something amazing happened: it occurred to the team that the station had withstood the test of the heaviest weather this part of Antarctica had seen in recorded history! Dr Gupta's decision was finally made.

The team departed from Antarctica on March 1 as scheduled by the captain of Finnpolaris, leaving the brave wintering team of 12 scientists to fend for themselves until the next year's expedition. The five men injured in the helicopter crash were recovering and out of danger. During the return passage via Mauritius, Dr Gupta discovered that several members of his team had lost their toes to frostbite. When asked why they hadn't told him, so that he could have sent them back to the ship to rest, they said, "That's exactly why we didn't." Such was their commitment that they didn't want to be laid off despite their injuries.

On March 29, 1984, the Finnpolaris finally arrived in Goa, to fanfare by the naval band. Dr Gupta having located his wife and kids waved at them, but they took no notice, as they didn't recognise him with his beard!

## Funding worries

Amid all the cheer and camaraderie during our shoot, one worry was gnawing away: funding. Our vision was to make the film as evocative and immersive as possible. We had early on decided that recreating scenes using actors and sets was not the way to go, as it would lack some degree of authenticity, and the production design to keep the visuals authentic would make the project unviable. In the absence of enacted scenes, it would be necessary to use graphics to depict them.

We had also planned trips to Kochi and Delhi to interview expedition members, Dr K J Mathew and Dr Ashok Hanjura. This, along with other post-production essentials, would escalate the cost very quickly. Dr Gupta had very kindly offered to partly fund the project, but we still had to raise enough to tell this story in a way that did it justice. That is when our good friend, Shripathy Hadigal, connected us to Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, who took immediate interest in the project. The Samagata Foundation also stepped in.

The film, which will be out in mid-2026, was shot mostly in Hyderabad. It will feature a mix of archival footage from a crew member, personal photographs of the crew, licensed landscape footage and interviews.

This was possible because of the gravity of the material, and the ingenuity, labour and perseverance of the Dakshin Gangotri team.

And that is why, sitting on the bank of Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar Lake on a subsequent visit, I found the true meaning of the title Dr Gupta had given his book. Dakshin Gangotri was a miracle composed of a series of miracles. But the biggest was this: with his leadership, he had been able to spark an entire team to cast themselves aside in the quest for something larger, something that would endure the frigid, snowy winds of time.

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81 crew members | 16 Scientists | 02 Mi-8 helicopters | 02 Chetak helicopters | 23 Days of sailing | 900 tons of building material | 1,000 barrels of oil

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# From rallies to refrains: Somdev Devvarman's journey into songwriting

**His latest album is an exploration of honest, vulnerable feelings, writes Reji Varghese**

For most Indians, Somdev Devvarman will always be remembered as the tennis player who scripted Davis Cup heroics and bagged gold medals at the Commonwealth and Asian Games. But not much is written about his musical pursuits. With the release of his debut album 'One Three Two' in 2023, the Padma Shri and Arjuna awardee stepped into a world he had secretly inhabited for decades — one of chords, lyrics, and songwriting. Now he returns with his second album, 'Infinite'.

Devvarman was always obsessed with the guitar. He says, "My first summer paycheck in America was spent on a guitar, and my first paycheck as a pro was spent on a Black Takamine, which I used for most of this album. I always travelled with a guitar on the ATP tour."

Asked about his songwriting process, he says, "If you find a tune or if a tune finds you, if lyrics and concepts fly in, or if ideas spark imagination, then it must be worth exploring, right? I keep notes on my phone and in a notebook."

The latest album features 10 songs. "'What'll they say' was born in the disconnected quiet of the pandemic. 'Feeling that September' started as a fragment of melody that haunted me for a year. 'Not an alcoholic' came after a party with friends. 'Infinite' is a mirror of that honest, vulnerable feeling that somehow drove me to explore deeper," he says.

While 'One Three Two' marked Devvarman's early foray into music, 'Infinite' is a fully realised album shaped through his collaboration with Aravind Murali, a National Award-winning music director, producer, and bassist. He recalls, "I first saw him at a gig. I asked if he'd listen to my music and he didn't turn me down. I took my wife Shivali for moral support and played the songs for him, and that became the foundation of 90% of the album."

Murali's arrangements brought fresh textures: a whistle on 'Easy love', an accordion on 'Not an alcoholic', and a tabla on 'Worry', inspired by a casual comment from Shivali. Pressed to pick favourites, he hesitates but offers a few: "I really like 'Bullet through my heart'. It's about my dog Bullet, who lost her vision. I was doodling Joni Mitchell songs when the idea came. But the clear favourite is 'Monkey and the elephant', because it's about our son and his favourite toy. The innocence of it feels just right."

The influences of artistes he admires echo across 'Infinite'. "Dave Matthews, I love his guitar work and songwriting. Conor Oberst is an incredible modern-day lyricist. Noel Gallagher is an all-time favourite. Cat Stevens and Bob Dylan are timeless. Joni Mitchell can't break anything Norah Jones can't fix. And John Mayer keeps evolving," he shares.

**Somdev Devvarman's latest album has 10 tracks.**

# Hollywood, Bollywood groups lobbying for stricter copyright law

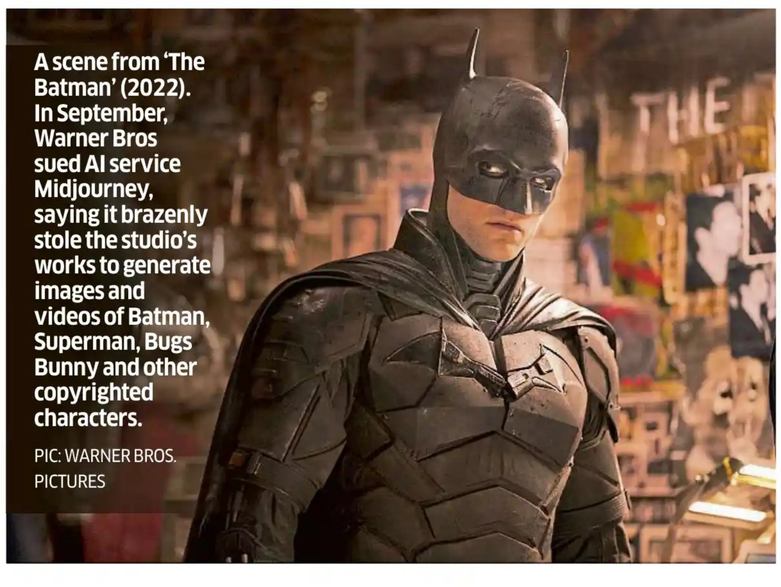
## The Motion Picture Association says allowing AI free play could 'undermine the incentive to create new works'

Film producers are urging a committee set up by the Indian government for laws to prevent artificial intelligence (AI) firms from using their intellectual property to train AI models, letters show.

AI companies remain at loggerheads with content owners globally and governments are fast developing regulations that lay down rules for the new technology. While Japan gives broad exemptions to AI firms in using copyrighted content, the European Union has stricter rules that allow content owners to opt out of such use.

The movie industry is particularly concerned that AI tools could scrape their copyrighted videos, images and clips online — like trailers and promos — and more critically ingest pirated content onto their platforms. India's current copyright law does not account for use by AI. The government formed a committee this year consisting of lawyers, government officials and industry executives to review if existing copyright law is sufficient to tackle AI-related disputes, and make recommendations.

Motion Picture Association (MPA), which represents Warner Bros, Paramount and Netflix, and the Producers Guild of India have argued that India should not tinker with its copyright law, and should instead promote a licensing regime. In response to the committee's private inquiry on why India should not allow blanket training exceptions to bolster AI innovation, MPA India Managing Director Uday Singh said in an August 2 letter that the move could "undermine the incentive to create new works and erode copyright protection in India".



A scene from 'The Batman' (2022). In September, Warner Bros sued AI service Midjourney, saying it brazenly stole the studio's works to generate images and videos of Batman, Superman, Bugs Bunny and other copyrighted characters.

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The Indian guild's CEO Nitin Tej Ahuja told the panel in his letter that "licensing copyrighted works is essential for creators' revenue and business sustainability".

A Deloitte-MPA study in May said India's film, TV and online content industry generated 13.1 billion dollars (1.16 lakh crore) in revenues last year, growing 18% each year since 2019. The deliberations come just when a Bollywood couple has gone to court to challenge YouTube's AI policies after their manipulated videos started spreading online. The film studios' position is in contrast to the Business Software Alliance, which represents AI firms like OpenAI, and which argued in public submissions in July that New Delhi should ensure exceptions to permit lawful AI use. MPA members however remain concerned.

The association has said India should not consider allowing use of content in AI models with an opt-out system as it will put the burden of responsibility on the movie studios, a move that could force them to individually track and block sharing of their work on scores of AI platforms.

Such exceptions "would hinder future investments, development of high-quality local content," MPA India said. In September, Warner sued AI service Midjourney in Los Angeles by saying it brazenly stole the studio's works to generate images and videos of Batman, Superman, Bugs Bunny and other copyrighted characters.

Midjourney maintains the way it trains its AI model amounts to fair use.

*—Reuters*

# The intriguing rise of south Indian cinema

## With stories inspired by mythology, films like Kantara, Bahubali, and KGF are reshaping Indian mainstream tastes, writes Pranati A S

The Kannada film 'Kantara: Chapter 1' is the most recent addition to the list of south Indian films enjoying box office success across India. Other films on this list are 'Bahubali', 'KGF' and 'Pushpa' franchises and 'RRR'.

Although rooted in specific regions, cultures and languages, they have achieved national fandom. Not only are they reshaping mainstream tastes, but also competing with the regular fare produced in Mumbai. Film experts offer many explanations for the unexpected surge in interest — some believe the films feed into the hyper nationalistic narratives originating in the north, while others say they represent rooted cultures contesting homogenising narratives.

'Kantara: A Legend – Chapter 1' collected a total of Rs 348 crore (India Net) at the end of the ninth day of release.

### Narrative diversity

Bollywood has been the face of Indian cinema for a long time. With the rise in 'pan-Indian' cinema, the diversity in south Indian cinema has come to the notice of audiences in other regions as well.

"South Indian films in fact give the audience some relief from the kind of nationalism that is being peddled in Hindi cinema," says well-known film critic M K Raghavendra. "'Bahubali' is about a kingdom in south India. It is the same with 'Kantara'. It is very local — local story, local deity, and it doesn't claim to be national," he says.

He believes the characters in south Indian blockbusters are different from the heroes celebrated in Bollywood. "The policeman is the hero in the Ajay Devgn movies, but in 'Pushpa' (Telugu), the hero is a criminal. The villain, representing the IPS, is a north Indian. So there is a certain resistance to the nationalistic narrative," says Raghavendra.

With Bollywood catering to the 'Hindutva constituency' with its Hindu vs Muslim narratives, people are losing interest and shifting to south Indian films, he suggests.

### Search for identity

Film critic N Vidyashankar, artistic director of Bengaluru International Film Festival, says Indian cinema once told individual stories, but has moved on to stories of communities. He cites the examples of films such as 'Upkar' (1976) and 'Bangarada Manushya' (1972), which spoke about a commitment to agrarian roots. "Although they were talking about the country, and the Nehruvian politics of the time, they were all personal and individualistic narratives. Guru Dutt's films were also about the existential crisis of individuals," he says.

Beginning with the '70s, the narratives shifted to the Indian middle class and their changing lifestyles. That was what Bollywood had stuck to for a long time. "Now, people are moving towards identity politics — we are Indians and we have these stories to tell, these are our beliefs," says Vidyashankar.

He says today's Indian cinema is defined by local content and global form. "The content is being defined by identity politics. The 'Indian' identity today is stronger than individual identity. The films are addressing the emotional need of modern Indian society and its search for an identity," he says.

And identity in India today is about faith. If you look at the films in the 'Kantara' franchise, they are largely talking about folk legends and beliefs. They connect myth and culture. The same holds true of 'Bahubali'.

After 'Kantara''s success, the exploration of local stories is gaining ground in the Kannada OTT space as well — 'Ayyana Mane', 'Shodha' and the recently announced 'Marigallu' are all tapping into stories rooted in the region.

### Passive storytelling

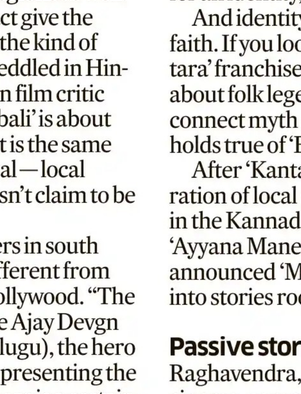
Raghavendra, author of several books on cinema, compares Hollywood and Indian cinema to understand why our audiences love grand spectacles.

"The grammar of Hollywood is individual motivation. A motivated individual is the key functionary, the one who carries the narrative forward. In Indian cinema, the narrative is more in the passive voice. I call it karmic causality," he says.

Taking James Bond movies as an example, he says, "The ruthless annihilation of the villain is not seen in Indian movies. If you take 'Sholay' for instance, the heroes, Jai and Veeru, are bounty hunters. They are out to kill Gabbar.

But what happens is that it is Gabbar who comes their way and they respond. They don't seek out Gabbar actively. So the entire narrative is in the passive voice. It is not in the active voice like in American cinema," he says. He believes fatalism, and a belief in an invisible power, drives the narratives of our hit films. "I call it the karmic aspect of Indian thinking," he observes.

Larger than life characters of Indian mythology are tailored to the modern world in films like 'KGF'.



Since Indian protagonists are not driven by personal ambition, an active community comes into play. The bhakti and heroism of the characters is heightened by grand visuals, melodrama and loud music. And most blockbusters are period dramas, so they need a fairly large canvas in terms of historical setting.

### 'Good versus evil'

Through fictional stories, films like 'Bahubali' and 'Kantara' talk about the triumph of good over evil. They make no intellectual commentary about society; they follow the larger Indian mythological narrative and the result is that the audiences get emotionally involved.

"Our mythology has larger-than-life heroes. The same myth has been customised to the modern world in 'KGF' and 'RRR'. These are local stories with an assertion of regional narratives but the belief and faith is pan-Indian," says Vidyashankar, countering the argument that regional identities are contesting nationalistic ones.

Mani Ratnam's 'Ponniyin Selvan', made in two parts and mounted on a lavish scale, did not do as well as the other southern films, perhaps because it did not focus on the good vs evil narrative. Instead, it narrated a denser story with more complex characters.

### Viewing culture

With the advent of OTT, says film educator and critic Basav Biradar, big screen audiences believe that only "ambitious visual spectacles with sophisticated production values are worth going to theatres for".

"This is combined with a restless quest to rediscover and sculpt a new identity at a time when there is a proliferation of politicised ideas of religion, mythology and nationalism. Of course all this is enhanced with stardom and aggressive marketing," he says.

Only a decade ago, films running in theatres for 100 days were considered blockbusters. Today, the fastest Rs 100 crore at the box office is a benchmark of success.

Biradar reflects, "The audiences are being manipulated by a discourse which positions box office gains and production costs as sucessful filmmaking." He believes this is a result of "film journalism turning celebrity-oriented and becoming a part of the marketing of movies".

Biradar believes the conflation of nationalism, religion and politics is creating a world of false emotions that deviate from the basic humanist emotions inspiring cinema earlier.

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# Remembering Sandhya Shantaram

Veteran Indian film actor Sandhya Shantaram, wife of legendary filmmaker V Shantaram, died on October 4. She was 94. Sandhya was Shantaram's third wife and frequently starred as the leading lady in his films.

Shantaram discovered her when he was looking for new faces for his Marathi film 'Amar Bhoopali'. Based on the life of Honaji Bala, a folk poet and musician from Maharashtra and explores the conflict between art and society and how art is immortal. Sandhya plays a noble woman who has great admiration for the poet and eventually becomes his inspiration.

Sandhya, known for her strong screen presence and graceful dance, then acted in 12 films, all directed by Shantaram.

Sandhya Shantaram in 'Do Ankhen Barah Haat'.

Scan the QR code for a list of five films featuring some of the actor's best performances.

MOVIE REVIEWS

# This sci-fi is slick but shallow

AMOGH RAVINDRA

★★★☆☆

**Tron: Ares**

English (Theatres)

Director: Joachim Rønning

Cast: Jared Leto, Greta Lee, Evan Peters, Jeff Bridges

Jared Leto plays Ares, an AI program.

The first two 'Tron' films lived inside the Grid (a virtual world in the film) exploring what it meant to enter a digital world. 'Tron: Ares' flips that idea. This time, the Grid spills into reality. Programs walk, talk, and breathe alongside humans. It's a bold premise, though the execution never matches the imagination.

Directed by Joachim Rønning, 'Ares' expands the world 'Tron: Legacy' (2010) built, swapping curiosity for corporate warfare. Jared Leto plays Ares, a sentient program created to cross into the real world, surviving for only twenty-nine minutes at a time. Greta Lee grounds the film as Eve Kim, Encom's sharp CEO whose secret 'Permanence Code' could make Ares last forever. Evan Peters plays Julian Dillinger, a tech heir whose ambition borders on parody.

Visually, the film is striking. The 'light-cycle chases' still steal the show, merging digital physics with real-world chaos. The cinematography gleams with colour and symmetry. The score by Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross is relentless, layering industrial rhythms with emotion. It's the kind of soundtrack that almost convinces you the film is deeper than it is.

Beneath the glow, 'Ares' struggles to connect. Its characters feel schematic, its dialogue mechanical. The story raises questions about identity and creation, yet rarely sits with them long enough to find meaning. Leto's performance is more presence than personality, and the tone feels too cold to move you.

In the end, 'Tron: Ares' delivers. It's a sleek, loud, hypnotic and sensory ride. The Grid may have broken into the real world, but what it finds is familiar: beauty without warmth, light without life.

# A cruise into familiar territory

RASHMI VASUDEVA

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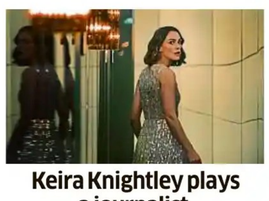
**The Woman in Cabin 10**

English (Netflix)

Director: Simon Stone

Cast: Keira Knightley, Guy Pearce, Lisa Loven Kongsli



Keira Knightley plays a journalist.

'The Woman in Cabin 10' is silly and mindless, but you still watch. Adapted from Ruth Ware's book of the same name, it's one of those Netflix thrillers with slick production values, sharp casting, and a downright "duh" storyline.

Laura Blacklock (Keira Knightley) is a star reporter at the venerable *The Guardian*, no less. After a nightmarish investigation (that, of course, results in a sensational story), she's in desperate need of a break. Conveniently, an invitation to a luxury yacht party arrives, and Laura sets out to do a feel-good feature.

As you can guess, she turns out to be the party pooper in a very Christiesque line-up of random celebrity guests — among them, a businessman and his perpetually tipsy wife, an arrogant socialite (are there any other kind?), an Instagram star who can't see beyond her phone, and billionaire tycoon Richard Bullmer (Guy Pearce), who has invited her along with his wife Anne (Lisa Loven Kongsli). Anne is dying of leukaemia and has supposedly planned this Nordic cruise to announce a major charity endowment.

But the trip takes a dark turn when Laura witnesses a murder in the cabin next to hers. No one believes her, and none of the guests seem remotely interested in investigating. Did Laura imagine it all? Is she suffering from PTSD? Or is there a larger conspiracy?

It's not hard to guess. Despite its breakneck pace, the film gives off a weary been-there, done-that vibe. Knightley risks being typecast as the perpetually frazzled lead — if she isn't already. In short, this is no great shakes but makes for perfectly serviceable "watch-on-your-commute" fare.

# School reform drama is agonisingly slow

TAHER AHMED

★★☆☆☆

**Steve**

English (Netflix)

Director: Tim Mielants

Cast: Cillian Murphy, Tracey Ullman, Jay Lycurgo, Simbi Ajikawo

Cillian Murphy plays Steve, head of a special needs boys' school.

The scum of society is often perceived as emotionless and heartless, with normal folks ostracising them, considering them a burden on the world. But what do such often misunderstood people feel? Do they care about others? Do they want to better themselves?

'Steve' follows a day in the life of Steve (Cillian Murphy), the head of a school for boys with societal and behavioural issues — boys who have been shunted away from home for various reasons. Amidst debates whether such a school should be run on taxpayers' money, and whether these kids deserve a second chance, 'Steve' portrays multiple emotions in this slow, winding movie.

The bunch of ragtag boys often end up fighting with each other, with utter disregard for authority, yet for the staff they are kids who can change, who have special talents which the outside world just refuses to see.

Each kid is battling their own demon, and Steve, while apparently stable on the outside, is no different. He has his own share of battles in his mind, which make him one of the students.

A documentary crew aims to discover the inside happenings of this school, and perhaps can show the outside world that such delinquents might not change, but these kids have a heart and conscience and are looking for love.

'Steve' aims to showcase mental health and strong kinship, but is agonisingly slow in stages and requires patience to watch. At the end, it's all about second chances and faith, both from the audience and the cast.

# Middling remake of a Danish crime drama

ARKADEV GHOSHAL

Konkana Sen Sharma plays a cop.

★★☆☆☆

**Search: The Naina Murder Case**

Hindi (JioHotstar)

Director: Rohan Sippy

Cast: Konkona Sen Sharma, Surya Sharma, Shiv Pandit

For 'Search: The Naina Murder Case', an Indian remake of 'Forbrydelsen' and the fourth of its kind, the makers have condensed the first 10 episodes of the first season into six. The result is a middling crime drama that struggles to distinguish itself from others of its ilk, especially given its pedigree.

A college student, Naina Marathe (Chandsi Kataria), is found dead in a car submerged in a reservoir. The vehicle belongs to the campaign of politician Tushar Surve (Pandit).

ACP Sanyukta Das, on her last working day, is paired with her replacement, ACP Jai Kanwal (Surya Sharma), to solve the case.

Surve's aides Raksha (Das) and Sahil (Sehgal) appear shady as heck, but other suspects emerge.

Overall, director Rohan Sippy generates a lot of expectation, just as he did with the first five episodes of 'Shekhar Home', a Hindi adaptation of Sherlock Holmes; with the sixth episode negating almost all of the intrigue.

The series is a lukewarm execution. It manages to deliver a balanced narrative, with the execution partly rising beyond the average police procedural.

However, it is rescued by strong performances from Konkona Sen Sharma and Surya Sharma — the only strong punches in the ring.

Otherwise, both in front of and behind the scenes, this is so far a series that does not merit being remembered for long.

## Fourth Wing wins feature

**CHENNAI RESULTS**

Aman Altaf Hussain-trained Fourth Wing, ridden by Suraj Narredu, won the Coromandel Gromor Fillies Trial Stakes, the feature event of the Chennai races on Friday.

**1. Elusive Pimpernal Handicap - 1400M:** Clean Slate (P Arvinthi) AS Peter 1; Royal Tapestry (N Darshan) 2; Flourish (Akshay Kumar) 3; Jack Richer (Antony Raj) 4; Not Run: Aquila. Wb: 3/4, 1-1/4L, Snk. T: 1:28.01. TB: Deepesh Narredu. Fav: Flourish.
**2. Super Brave Handicap -1600M:** Refreshment (Kaliyaperumal) Antony Raj 1; Absolute Katrina (Vinod Shinde) 2; Thrill Of Brazil (Mukesh Kumar) 3; Adornment (Akshay Kumar) 4; Wb: 3-1/2, Lnk, 3-3/4L. T: 1:39.26. TB: Prasanna Kumar. Fav: Refreshment.
**3. Adler Handicap - 1200M:** Shibra (Ujjash Mahendra Patel) Akshay Kumar 1; Noorie (Neeraj Rawal) 2; Supreme Royalty (Farid Ansari) 3; Mehra (KV Basker) 4; Wb: 5-1/4, 3-3/4, 2-1/4L. T: 1:12.43. TB: Zulquarnain. Fav: Shibra.
**4. Delage Handicap - 1200M:** Thessalian (Rajendran) Vinod Shinde 1; Cynosure (N Darshan) 2; Dynamic Force (Neeraj Rawal) 3; Doncaster Belle (C Umesh) 4; Wb: 3-1/2, Snk, 3L. 1:11.87. TB: Prasanna Kumar. Fav: Doncaster Belle.
**5. Coromandel Gromor Fillies Trial Stakes - 1400M:** Fourth Wing (Mrs Pragya Devgan) Suraj Narredu 1; Perfect Attitude (Antony Raj) 2; Star Of Opera (Mukesh Kumar) 3; Dubai Touch (Neeraj Rawal) 4; Wb: 4-1/2, 2-3/4, 2L. T: 1:23.48. TB: Aman Altaf Hussain. Fav: Fourth Wing.
**6. Bugs Bunny Handicap - 1600M:** Charismatic (Mrs Smitha Bajoria) Antony Raj 1; Booster Shot (Mukesh Kumar) 2; Grenoble (Hindu Singh) 3; Key To The Mint(N.Darshan) 4; Wb: 6-3/4, 3-1/4, 2L. . T: 1-37.48. TB: Prasanna Kumar. Fav: Charismatic.

Bengaluru dividends:
**I race:** Rs 78w; 13, 16, 10p; Fc: Rs 308; Q: Rs 133; Shp: Rs 36; Thp: Rs 40; Tri: Rs 463 & 135; Ex: Rs 3,536 & 934.
**II race:** Rs 11w; Rs 12, 56, 11p; Fc: Rs 119; Q: Rs 134; Shp: Rs 118; Thp: Rs 23; Tri: Rs 510 & 122; Ex: Rs 1,114 & 333.
**III race:** Rs 16w; 10, 13, 17p; Fc: Rs 28; Q: Rs 23; Shp: Rs 20; Thp: Rs 42; Tri: Rs 156 & 116; Ex: Rs 1,085 & 630.
**IV race:** Rs 42w; 14, 16, 11p; Fc: Rs 298; Q: Rs 148; Shp: Rs 56; Thp: Rs 51; Tri: Rs 670 & 246: Ex: Rs 1,001 & 294.
**V race:** Rs 17w; 13, 14p; Fc: Rs 32; Q: Rs 34; Shp: Rs 32; Thp: Rs 33; Tri: Rs 90 & 40; Ex: Rs 343 & 235.
**VI race:** Rs 10w; 10, 26p; Fc: Rs 52; Q: Rs 36; Shp: Rs 30; Thp: Rs 26; Tri: Rs 37 & 22; Ex: Rs 187 & 61.
**Jackpot:** Rs 232 (781). **Runner-up:** Rs 74 (1046). **Treble:** Rs 126 (67).

**Mysuru races cancelled**

Due to heavy rains overnight rendering the track not conducive for racing stewards of the Mysore race club have decided to cancel the Friday Mysore races.

## Evaldo for main event

**PUNE SELECTIONS**

Evaldo, from the stables of Aman Altaf Hussain and to be ridden by Trevor Patel, appeals most in the small field of three runners in the fray for the Suresh Mahindra Trophy, the longest race in the country run over a distance of sixteen furlongs at the races on Saturday. The first race starts at 2:45 pm.

**1. Severus Plate - 1400M:** Magical Star 1, Lord Murphy 2, Taabir 3.
**2. NK Pudumjee Salver - 1600M:** The Millenium Force 1, Christofle 2, Kimiko 3.
**3. Pissarro Plate - 1000M:** Azure 1, Elusive Art 2, .Johhny Mac 3
**4. Panchshil Million - 1000M:** Foxy 1, Don Julio 2, All For Love 3.
**5. Sir Sultan Chinoy Trophy - 1800M:** Dexterity 1, Dedication 2, Little John 3.
**6. Suresh Mahindra Trophy - 3200M:** Evaldo 1, Golden Kingdom 2.
**Day's best:** Dexterity. **Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Treble:** 3, 4 & 5.

**CRICKET WOMEN'S ODI WORLD CUP**

# Smriti's woes add to India's worries

## Opener's record in ICC events has been underwhelming

Smriti Mandhana has failed to carry her sublime form into the ODI World Cup, causing major concerns for India. AFP

**VIGNESH BHARADWAJ**
BENGALURU, DHNS

One of the misfortunes of being among the best is that it comes with constant criticism when the chips are down. These individuals often find themselves judged by their own high standards, rather than by that of their peers. Unfair? Maybe. But with bouquets come brickbats too.

If one cuts to cricket and especially the Women's ODI World Cup, Smriti Mandhana finds herself in that situation and questions have been asked of her batting form after three consecutive failures.

In the post-mortem of India's first World Cup defeat to South Africa on Thursday, a concern was raised that the hosts have to address before the game on Sunday against Australia -- the form of their vice-captain and their best bet for runs at the top for Smriti has managed scores of 8, 23 and 23 in India's three matches for a grand total of 54 runs and an average of 18.

And the disappointment was apparent on Smriti's face when she trudged back to the dressing room after Nadine de Klerk tonked one over long-on to seal a famous win for South Africa.

Things always get magnified when you come into a World Cup as the highest run-getter in women's ODIs for the year and sit sky-high in the batting charts as the No.1 in the world in the format.

The problem for Smriti, and of course India, is that this tournament's dip is just the tip of the iceberg, as the World Cups have not been her happy hunting ground.

Barring the 2022 ODI World Cup, where she cracked 327 runs in seven innings at an average of 46.71 and strike rate of 78.04, she has managed a mere 286 runs in 12 other innings, averaging 23.83 in the rest of the 50-over World Cups.

While the ODI World Cup is one side of the coin, the T20 World Cups also have a very similar story, if not worse, to narrate. She has scored 524 runs, at an average of 21.83, with just four fifties.

Leading up to the tournament, Smriti had mustered 928 runs in 14 innings, averaging 66.28 and striking at 115.85.

And most recently in the ODI series, where India played Australia, she scored truckloads of runs, averaging 100, striking at 138.25.

However, she has failed to ride the momentum to the World Cup, raising a deep concern..

On the other side, Harmanpreet Kaur, slated to be among the key middle-order strengths for India and one who usually comes to the party in World Cups (876 runs in 22 innings, averaging over 40), has faltered under pressure.

India's skipper has squandered three starts without converting any into a match-winning score, making just 46 runs at an average of 16.33, adding to India's worry.

What has prevented this cautious period from going into a panic station is the hope that comes from Smriti's wonderful records outside of these ICC events.

And India will desperately look up to her to raise her game, especially in the next three fixtures against Australia, England and New Zealand.

**SMRITI'S WORLD CUP STRUGGLES**

- **2014 T20 WC: Mat: 4, Runs: 36, Avg: 12, SR: 94.73**
- 2016 T20 WC: Mat: 4, Runs: 35, Avg: 8.75, SR: 68.62
- **2017 ODI WC: Mat: 9, Runs: 232 runs, Avg: 29, SR: 94.30**
- 2018 T20 WC: Mat: 5, Runs: 178, Avg: 35.60, SR: 125.35
- **2020 T20 WC: Mat: 4, Runs: 49, Avg: 12.25, SR: 125.64**
- 2022 ODI WC: Mat: 7, Runs: 327, Avg: 46.71, SR: 78.04
- **2023 T20 WC: Mat: 4, Runs: 151, Avg: 37.75, SR: 138.53**
- 2024 T20 WC: Mat: 4, Runs: 75, Avg: 18.75, SR: 94.93
- **2025 ODI WC: Mat: 3*, Runs: 54, Avg: 18, SR: 72.97**

## Halliday, Devine, bowlers fire in Kiwis win

**GUWAHATI, PTI:** Brooke Halliday and skipper Sophie Devine scored fighting fifties before the bowlers fired in unison to guide New Zealand to a comfortable 100-run win over Bangladesh in a Women's World Cup match here on Friday.

Halliday and Devine rescued New Zealand after a disastrous start with a 112-run stand, helping the White Ferns to post a modest 227 for nine after opting to bat.

New Zealand did not have the best of starts, losing their first three wickets for 38 in 10.5 overs as Georgia Pimmer (4), Suzie Bates (29) and Amelia Kerr fell in quick succession.

Devine (63) and Halliday (69) joined hands and played cautiously to forge a vital partnership for the fourth wicket.

Despite posting a modest target, New Zealand romped home comfortably after a lacklustre batting effort from Bangladesh, who were bundled out for 127 in 39.5 overs.

Bangladesh never got the start they desired, losing wickets at regular intervals to totter at 30 for five by the 14th over.

The likes of Rubya Haider, Sharmin Akhter, skipper Nigar Sultana, Sobhana Mostary, Sumaiya Akter and Shoma Akter were atrocious in their approach as they failed to counter the Kiwi bowlers and fell like nine pins.

The highest partnership of Bangladesh's innings was shared by Fahima Khatun (34) and Rabeya Khan (25), who stitched 44 runs for the eighth wicket. The second highest stand for Bangladesh was between Khatun and Nahida Akter (17) for the seventh wicket as they shared 33 runs.

**Brief scores:** New Zealand: 227/9 in 50 overs (Suzie Bates 29, Sophie Devine 63, Brooke Halliday 69, Maddy Green 25; Rabeya Khan 3-30) bt Bangladesh: 127 all out 39.5 overs (Fahima Khatun 34, Rabeya Khan 25; Rosemary Mair 2-20, Jess Kerr 3-21, Lea Tahuhu 3-22) by 100 runs. **PoM:** Brooke Halliday.
**Today's match:** Sri Lanka vs England.

Brooke Halliday

# Simran to lose Worlds medals?

**ADITYA K HALDER**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Simran Sharma (right) and guide Umar Saifi. REUTERS

Para athlete Simran Sharma may lose her two medals won at the recently-concluded World Para Athletics Championships after her guide Umar Saifi was provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency.

As per the list updated by NADA on its official website, 20-year-old Umar tested positive for the banned substance Drostanolone, which is an anabolic–androgenic steroid. While NADA is yet to share the details of where the athlete was tested, all of Umar's result since the day of testing now stands cancelled and is likely to include his recent participation at the Worlds.

Under the International Paralympic Committee's anti-doping code, athlete support personnel, including guide runners, must comply with doping rules.

A violation by the guide leads to the disqualification of the athlete's results and forfeiture of medals.

25-year-old Simran, who is visually impaired, had won gold in the women's T12 100m and silver in the 200m, upgraded from bronze after Venezuela's Perez Lopez was disqualified. She also set an Asian record of 24.46 seconds in the 200m, all of which now stands to be nullified.

Simran, however, won't be facing any suspension but Umar is now staring at a suspension of up to four years for the first offence unless he can establish that the intake of the steroid was unintentional.

# Sabalenka cruises into semis

WUHAN (CHINA), AFP

Daniil Medvedev

Aryna Sabalenka powered into her 11th semi-final of the year with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Elena Rybakina at the Wuhan Open on Friday as a flawless Jasmine Paolini stunned Iga Swiatek in just 65 minutes.

The world No. 1 Sabalenka remains unbeaten in four tournament appearances at the event and will take a 20-0 record into her showdown with Jessica Pegula on Saturday. Coco Gauff was also victorious, 6-3, 6-0 against Laura Siegemund to reach the last four in Wuhan for a second straight year.

The American third seed faces Italy's seventh seed Paolini, who shocked world number two Swiatek with a commanding 6-1, 6-2 victory. Paolini had never beaten Swiatek in any of their previous six meetings.

Defending champion Sabalenka improved to 8-5 head-to-head against Kazakhstan's Rybakina, whose bid for a WTA Finals berth has taken a hit.

Rybakina, the eighth seed, narrowed the deficit by getting one of the breaks back but couldn't stop Sabalenka from marching into the final four and extending her winning streak to 10 matches.

### Medvedev into semis

Daniil Medvedev eased past world number seven Alex de Minaur 6-4, 6-4 on Friday to secure the last place in the Shanghai Masters semifinals and a date with unseeded Frenchman Arthur Rinderknech.

Rinderknechbeat Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-3, 6-4.

# India sign off with bronze

GUWAHATI, PTI

Indian badminton players and support staff pose with the national flag after winning a bronze medal in the mixed team event of the BWF World Junior Championships in Guwahati on Friday. BAI MEDIA

India's fine run at the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships ended with a bronze medal after the hosts went down fighting to defending champions Indonesia in the semifinals here on Friday.

Having secured a historic first-ever medal in the mixed team competition with a quarterfinal win over former champions Korea on Thursday, India couldn't sustain the momentum and lost 35-45, 21-45 to the pre-tournament favourites.

Indonesia will next face the winner of the other semifinal between 14-time champions China and Japan. India made just one change to the squad that beat Korea on Wednesday, bringing in Vishakha Toppo for Aanya Bisht in the mixed doubles, while once again starting the tie with boys doubles category.

The top Indian doubles combination of Bhargav Ram Arigela and Viswa Tej Gobburu gave them a perfect start as they beat Indonesia's Muhmmad Rizki Mubarrok and Raihan Daffa Pramono 9-5 to raise hopes of an upset.

Unnati Hooda wasn't at her best in the girls singles tie against Thalita Wiryawan in the first set, but did enough to keep India's nose ahead at 18-16. It was Indonesia's world junior no 1 boys singles player Mohd Ubaidillah who turned things around for his team as he beat Rounak Chouhan 11-5 to hand his team a four-point advantage.

The mixed doubles combination of Lalramsanga and Vishakha Toppo did raise hopes of a fightback as they first drew level at 28-28 and even 9-3. But the Indonesian combination of Ikhsan Pramudya and Rinjani Nastine raised their level at the break and closed the match with 10-9 to wrest back the initiative. Nastine then teamed up with Riska Anggraini to beat Reshika U and Vennala K 9-2 to wrap up the set 45-35.

Indonesia then took control of the second set from the very first point with Mubarrok and Pramono beating the Indian boy's combination 9-2.

## Thangaraja steals the show with third title of the season

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Sri Lanka's N Thangaraja **(in pic)** continued his good form by bagging his second title in four weeks and third trophy of the season following his resolute final round performance of two-under 69 at the Bengaluru Open at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) course.

Thangaraja (66-65-66-69) won by a two-shot margin at a total of 18-under 266 to secure his seventh professional win.

Manu Gandas (70-63-69-66) of Gurugram finished runner-up at 16-under 268 after he posted a 66 on the last day.

Bengaluru-based Rahil Gangjee shot the final day's best score of 64 to claim tied third place at 13-under 271 along with Saptak Talwar who carded a 67 on day four.

Seventeen-year-old rookie Manoj S (66) of Bengaluru took fifth place at 12-under 272.

N Thangaraja, enjoying a commanding five-shot lead heading into the final round, had a mixed front-nine where he made a birdie and bogey each. On the back-nine, Manu Gandas began to pose a serious challenge to the leader with four birdies till the 15th Noida's Kanav Chauhan (72), the only amateur to make the cut, took the trophy for the best performing amateur. He finished tied 33rd at even-par 284. Panchkula's Brijesh Kumar made a hole-in-one on the 15th during his last round of 76. He finished 49th.

**Scores (after 72 holes): 266:** N Thangawraja (66, 65, 66, 69); **268:** Manu Gandas (70, 63, 69, 66); **271:** Rahil Gangjee (71, 68, 68, 64), Saptak Talwar (66, 68, 70, 67); **272:** Manoj S (69, 69, 78, 66).

## CROWNING MOMENT

Bazooka Blizzards emerged champions in the second season of the Cue Sports Premier League. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

## Bengaluru's Kaashvi enters summit clash

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Bengaluru's Kaashvi Venkat Konanki defeated State-mate and second seed Anisha Marian Cornelio to enter the girls' singles final of the AITA U-12 National Series tennis tournament in Jaipur on Friday.

Kaashvi was pushed to a tie-break in the first set but the eventual winner held her nerve to come through 7-6 (4).

It was no looking back since as she bagelled Anisha in the second to advance to the final and will meet West Bengal's Priyansi Chatterjee for the title on Saturday.

In the other semifinal fixture, Priyansi was stretched to the limit by Karnataka's Ruhi Singh, but came through in two sets, which included a tie-breaker.

LOCAL TENNIS

**Results: Semifinals:** Kaashvi Venkat Konanki (Kar) bt Anisha Marian Cornelio (KA) 7-6 (4); 6-0; Priyansi Chatterjee (WB) bt Ruhi Singh (Kar) 6-2; 7-6 (2).


# A treat for your family and friends

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## Bonda Soup

**By chef Sihi Kahi Chandru**

**What you need:**

- Soaked urad dal: one cup
- Baking soda: ½ tsp
- 3 chopped green chillies
- 1 inch chopped ginger
- ½ tsp each of pepper, turmeric powder and asafoetida
- ½ a cup of chopped coconut
- 1 cup of soaked moong dal
- 1 tsp each of jeera, pepper-

corn, lemon juice
- 1 finely chopped tomato
- ¼ cup of chopped coriander
- 10 curry leaves
- Oil for frying and salt to taste

**Preparation:**

Soak the moong dal in water for an hour. Transfer the soaked moong dal to a pressure cooker, add salt, turmeric powder, asafoetida and oil. Mix well and add water. Pressure cook for 3 whistles on medium flame. Keep the cooked dal aside.

Grind jeera and pepper into a coarse powder using a mortar pestle. Heat oil in a wok. Add prepared jeera powder along with some asafoetida and saute for a minute Add finely chopped ginger, sliced green chillies, curry leaves and saute for a minute. Add chopped tomatoes, mix well and add some salt and saute till the tomatoes are soft and mushy. Mix again.

Transfer the cooked moong dal to the prepared tempering along with required amount of water and boil for a few minutes. Dilute by adding more water if required after cooking the soup for 10 minutes. Add lemon juice, chopped coriander leaves and curry leaves. Keep the soup aside.

Put the soaked urad dal into a mixer jar, grind into a thick batter by adding some water and transfer the batter to a large bowl. Add salt, chopped coconut, fine-chopped green chillies, chopped ginger, curry leaves, pepper and salt to taste, and mix it all well.

Heat enough oil for deep frying in a kadai and gently drop the batter in small portions. Deep-fry the bondas on medium low flame until they turn gold brown on all sides. Remove them from the kadai once done.

Place the fried bondas on a serving plate and pour the dal soup all over them. Garnish with some grated coconut and chopped coriander, and serve hot.

## Raichur Tuntapur Koli kaddi

**By chef Aadharsh Tatpati**

**What you need:**

- 500 gm (pieces) of chicken with skin
- 1 tbsp of byadagi chilli powder
- ½ tsp of turmeric
- 5 Guntur chillies
- Two-inch piece of ginger
- 10 garlic cloves
- 1 small cup of coriander leaves
- 1 tsp of garam masala powder
- Juice from one lemon
- 3 green chillies
- 1 sprig of curry leaves
- 2 tbsp of oil
- Salt to taste

**Preparation:**

Wash and marinate the chicken with lemon juice, salt and turmeric, byadagi chilli powder and keep it aside for 10 minutes. In a mixer jar add ginger, garlic, Guntur chillies and coriander leaves with a little water, grind to fine paste. Add this paste to the chicken pieces. Add the garam masala powder and mix all the ingredients well with the chicken and keep it marinated for another 15 minutes.

Using bamboo skewers, skew the marinated chicken pieces and grill on a gas top fire. Once the chicken pieces are well done, heat a kadai, add oil, curry leaves and green chillies, add grilled chicken pieces to it, and toss on high flame.

Serve with lachcha onion and pudina chutney as a side dish or starter.

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## IN BRIEF

### Southern Blues triumph

▸ Southern Blues won a close contest against JSC 75-69 on the opening day of the Karnataka 'A' Division League Basketball Championship at MNK Rao Park Basketball Courts in Basavangudi, Bengaluru on Friday, reports DHNS.

**Results:** Young Orions: 84 (Sumanth 24 points, Abhishek Gowda 16) bt Beagles BC: 59 (Achintya 20, Arpan 15); Bank of Baroda: 55 (Nagaraj 13, Harissh 10) bt DK District: 35 (Amruth 11, Suhas 8); KSP bt Vivek Sports Club (Walkover); Southern Blues: 75 (Venkat 22, Ranga 14) bt JSC: 69 (Sanketh 23, Kaif 14); DYES Sports Hostel Bangalore: 74 (Manoj 22, Srinivas 18) bt MNK Rao Park BC: 61 (Ajin 26, Faaz 10).

### Vinay wins gold at Para Worlds

▸ India's rising para powerlifting star Vinay won the gold medal in the 72kg junior category at the Para Powerlifting World Championships on Friday, reports PTI from Cairo (Egypt).

Vinay recorded an impressive series of 137kg, 142kg and 147kg in his three attempts. His final lift of 147kg was ruled invalid by the referees, but his second successful lift of 142kg was enough to secure the gold medal.

### Parthsarthi, Shreeniti in final

▸ Top seed Parthsarthi Arun Mundhe and Shreeniti Chowdhury set up the girls' U-16 singles final while Mannan Agarwal and Tavish Pahwa will clash for the boys title after hard-fought victories at the Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship, reports PTI from New Delhi.

Parthsarthi continued her excellent run in the tournament, defeating fourth seed Snigdha Kanta 6–3, 6–1.

### Aditi four under at halfway mark

**SHANGHAI, PTI:** Indian golfer Aditi Ashok was placed tied 31st after the second round at the Buick LPGA Shanghai tournament here. Ashok has had a consistent first half of the week as she carded rounds of 2-under 70 on both the first and second days for 36 hole score of four under par.

On the second day Aditi started from the front nine once more and made her only bogey of the day on the sixth hole. Back-to-back birdies on the eighth and ninth holes to close the front nine and a late birdie on the 17th helped her post another card of 2-under 72.

### Hitaashee takes sole lead

**GURUGRAM, PTI:** India's Hitaashee Bakshi teed off early in the morning just as the sun was rising and brought home a solid bogey-free 5-under 67 in the second round to vault to the top of the leaderboard at the USD 500,000 Women's Indian Open on Friday.

Hitaashee's 67, alongside her first round 70, took her to 7-under and sole lead at the halfway stage.

### ◆ ON TV ◆

**CRICKET**

**2nd Test:** India vs West Indies (day 2, 9:30 am). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

**Women's World Cup:** England vs Sri Lanka (3 pm). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

**TENNIS**

**Shanghai Masters:** Semifinals (2 pm). **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

**FOOTBALL**

**World Cup Qualifiers:** Latvia vs Andorra (6:30 pm), Hungary vs Armenia (9:30 pm), Bulgaria vs Turkiye, Estonia vs Italy, Portugal vs Republic of Ireland, Spain vs Georgia (all 12:15 am, Sunday). **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network**.

**CRICKET SECOND TEST**

# Jaiswal's unbeaten ton singes Windies

**Sudharsan comes to party with 87 as India post 318/2 on Day 1**

**SIDNEY KIRAN**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The stage was set for the Indian batters to feast and the young duo of Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sai Sudharsan savoured the sumptuous delights on offer happily to lay the foundation for another grand show from the hosts.

Moments after winning the toss for the first time in his captaincy career after six failed attempts in the second Test against the West Indies at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Shubman Gill had very little hesitation in taking the first strike. The odd ball spun and turned sharply, but it was a largely helpful surface to bat first. Southpaws Jaiswal and Sudharsan, the two future stars of Indian cricket, didn't disappoint, with the former cracking a brilliant 173 not out — his seventh Test ton — and the latter easing the mounting pressure on him with a classy 87 as India took the stumps at a commanding 318/2.

The West Indies were in the game only in the opening hour when pacers Jayden Seales and Anderson Phillip bowled probing lines and lengths. There were a few plays and misses, and even a leading edge off KL Rahul. Jaiswal and Rahul, though, fought it out with discipline, giving Seales and Phillip all the respect they warranted. But once the opening hour passed and the pitch eased up, Rahul and Jaiswal started to put the West Indies to the sword mercilessly. However, against the run of play, Rahul perished in the 18th over, needless bravado bringing an end to a promising knock.

After that, Jaiswal and Sudharsan took charge, the duo making the most of the ordinary West Indies bowling. Jaiswal brought his nonchalant arrogance to the fore to regain his mojo following the mini break he had after the gruelling series in England, where he was one of the key performers with 411 runs. The usually flashy Jaiswal this time cut down on his risks and focussed more on scoring in the 'V'. But when the ball was even a tad short or slightly wide, he unleashed his usual cuts and drives — his strengths.

Having failed in the opening Test where three of his colleagues, including opening partner Rahul, scored a century, Jaiswal appeared determined to attain the landmark. And he did so a little before tea, becoming the joint fourth youngest to score seven Test tons before turning 24 years old.

Just like Jaiswal, confidence and determination were oozing from fellow 23-year-old Sudharsan. Under a bit of pressure after failing to make a big impact since his Test debut at Leeds versus England this June, India's new No. 3 knew this was a great chance to quell the outside noise. And that fire was visible right from the onset, the Tamil Nadu batter coming charging into the pitch like a horse out of the starting gates. From the get-go he looked set to prove why the management has invested in him.

Barring a mistimed shot while on 58 when Jomel Warrican dropped a sitter at short midwicket, Sudharsan didn't hit a ball in anger, with his control percentage close to perfection. He knew there was a boundary ball on offer every over, so he played safe for most of the part before depositing the bad ones disdainfully. He too looked on course for a Test ton, but a ripper from Warrican undid him. The ball spun and turned sharply, catching Sudharsan by surprise. Even before he could react, it struck him flush on the pads, the umpire instantly raising his index finger.

Jaiswal, however, carried on without any hiccups to ensure India are in a perfect position to bat West Indies out of the game on Saturday.

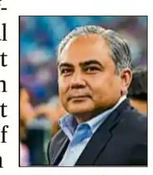
India's Yashasvi Jaiswal celebrates after scoring his century on day one of the second and final Test against West Indies in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

**SCOREBOARD**

**INDIA (I Innings):**
Jaiswal (batting) ..... 173
(253b, 22x4)
Rahul st Imlach b Warrican ..... 38
(54b, 5x4, 1x6)
Sudharsan lbw Warrican ..... 87
(165b, 12x4)
Gill (batting) ..... 20
(68b, 3x4)
**TOTAL (for 2 wkts, 90 overs) .....318**
**Fall of wickets:** 1-58 (Rahul), 2-251 (Sudharsan).
**Bowling:** Seales 16-1-59-0, Philip 13-2-44-0, Greaves 8-1-26-0, Pierre 20-1-74-0, Warrican 20-3-60-2, Chase 13-0-55-0.

## Asia Cup locked, not to be moved without Naqvi instruction

**LAHORE, PTI:** The Asia Cup trophy, which was not presented to the victorious Indian team after its refusal to accept it from Asian Cricket Council chief Mohsin Naqvi, has been locked away at the ACC's Dubai headquarters with "instructions that it should not be moved or handed over" without the Chairman's approval.



Mohsin Naqvi

The trophy has been at the ACC office after Naqvi walked away with it from the presentation ceremony following the Indian team's refusal to accept it from him. India beat Pakistan in the Asia Cup final in Dubai on September 28.

"As of today the trophy is still in ACC offices in Dubai with clear intructions from Naqvi that it should not be moved or handed over to anyone without his approval and in person presence," a source close to Naqvi said.

## Kasparov punishes Anand's slip

**ST. LOUIS (USA), PTI:** Indian ace Viswanathan Anand let slip some crucial chances against old nemesis Garry Kasparov as the Russian great stretched his lead to five points with two wins and as many draws on the penultimate day of their much-hyped showdown in the Clutch Chess Legends here.

Kasparov was lucky to clinch the first game as disaster struck Anand at a close-to-winning position when the Indian ran out of time after "forgetting" to keep an eye on the clock.

In one of the two blitz games of the day, Kasparov again won the first game to lead 8.5-3.5 going in to the final day of the USD 144,000 prize money event.

With four games still to come, it is still not over for Anand because of the newly-introduced format. On the last day each victory will be worth three points for the winner while a draw will be 1.5.

# Jaiswal 'cuts' it down to reap reward

**SIDNEY KIRAN**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

A noticeable change in the way Yashasvi Jaiswal batted on the opening day of the second Test against West Indies was his shot selection and discipline. A naturally aggressive player whose strength is square of the wicket, the southpaw switched the template to patience and scoring down the ground in the 'V' for the better part of his innings.

The 23-year-old did this to atone for a missed opportunity in the opening Test where he got out for 36, his penchant to cut costing his wicket. That discipline and fire saw him score an unbeaten 173 off 253 balls to put India on course for a massive first innings total at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Batting coach Sitanshu Kotak lauded the youngster for his matured innings.

"The determination he showed was important," said Kotak at the end of day's press conference. "The new ball was coming onto the bat nicely. After 60-65 overs the ball wasn't coming onto the bat nicely. So I think he took enough time. He didn't play a single bad shot. That's what he told me during tea time too. Last match he missed out on a big innings. The way he approached the batting today was brilliant.

Sitanshu Kotak

"You all know that he's very aggressive and he likes to score runs quickly. According to the wicket, the way he adapted, the shots he decided on that wicket, what he felt with the bounce, and the pace of the wicket, was brilliant. For me, the most important part was how determined he was to play a big innings. After not being so aggressive also he's batting on 173. So, that shows how good he batted. I think he did brilliantly today."

**Morale-boosting**

Kotak also lauded Sai Sudharsan for scoring a morale-boosting 87 off 165 balls that has calmed the storm around him following a sedate start to his international career.

"We all know how talented he is. Every time, probably, you won't look at the score. You will look at the batsman, how he's batting, how he's pacing his innings, what kind of shots he plays. Sometimes, one or two innings, anybody can fail.

"But he batted brilliantly today. He's someone who is mentally very tough. You'll never see him under pressure. You'll never see him change his style of playing. He always plays on the merit. So, the same way, he batted today. You may be thinking, what happens if Sai gets out (cheaply) today. But, if you see his innings, you never felt from ball one, that he's thinking he is under pressure. That's why, we know how talented he is."

### Sai frustrated after missing out on ton

**India No. 3 Sai Sudharsan on Friday admitted he was eyeing a big score against the West Indies after falling short of what would have been his maiden century in Test cricket during the first day's play in the second match.**

**Sudharsan struck a fine 87 for his highest knock in the format. "I am definitely grateful for whatever I've done today but there's always a monkey in our mind that wants more, wants that hundred and so I was looking forward to a lot more," Sudharsan told the broadcaster.**

**"It was a good contribution and very good partnership with (Yashasvi) Jaiswal. I was not thinking about getting runs, I was a bit more free and I expressed a bit better in this innings."**

## Rohit trains with Nayar ahead of Australia tour

**MUMBAI, PTI:** Rohit Sharma trained for nearly two hours along with his former Mumbai teammate Abhishek Nayar at Shivaji Park here on Friday ahead of the Australia tour.

Rohit, who was recently replaced by Shubman Gill as India's ODI captain, will be back in action during a three-match series against Australia starting on October 19 at Perth.

Mumbai cricketer Angkrish Raghuvanshi and a few other local players were present at the training when Rohit had two batting net sessions at the All Heart Cricket Academy.

The 38-year-old Rohit last played for India in the Champions Trophy final against New Zealand in February this year, leading the team to their second consecutive ICC title after the T20 World Cup win in the Americas in 2024.

With his future under constant scrutiny, Rohit was named in the squad for the Australia ODI series along with longtime colleague Virat Kohli. The two batting greats have retired from Tests and ODIs over the past year.

Rohit Sharma was recently removed as the captain of the ODI team. PTI

Rohit, Kohli and the newly-appointed ODI vice-captain Shreyas Iyer will join the Indian team, currently in action against the West Indies in the second Test, in New Delhi ahead of the team's departure to Australia in two separate batches on October 15.

## Altab keeps United on top

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Bengaluru United remained top of the table as Altab Hussain's 21st-minute goal helped them beat a struggling FC Agniputhra 1-0 in the KSFA Super Division League Championship played at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Friday.

Unbeaten United now have 23 points from 9 games (seven wins and two draws) and are shadowed by second-placed and also unbeaten Kickstart FC, who won the second match of the day 3-0 against ASC & Centre FC.

Karthik Govind Swamy (20th minute), V Vignesh (26th) and Ngairangabam Rakesh Singh (43rd) scored a goal each in the first half to bag all three points for Kickstart, who are on 20 points with a match in hand. ASC & CFC, meanwhile, remain 10th on the table with 11 points in 9 games (three wins, four losses).

**Results:** Kickstart FC: 3 (Karthik Govind Swamy 20th, V Vignesh 26th, Ngairangabam Rakesh Singh 43rd) bt ASC & Centre FC: 0; FC Bengaluru United: 1 (MD Altab Hussain 21st) bt FC Agniputhra: 0; FC Real Bengaluru: 2 (Sanjay S 58th, Syed Ahmed 75th) bt Bangalore City FC: 1 (Sachin R 66th).

Karthik Govind Swamy.
DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

# 'Dear diary' helping sprinter Sneha slay it on the fast lane

**Karnataka sprinter has had seven podium finishes this year besides an Asian relay silver**

**HITA PRAKASH**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Sneha SS' best companion and confidant in her dairy. Its pages carry the athletes' insecurities, fears, challenges and everything she struggles to express in front of another person.

The Karnataka speedsters' daily scribble has helped reflect, understand and transform her life for the better. It's the safe place where Sneha pours her heart out to build a mind of steel.

"Because on the track, it's always mind over body," says the 27-year-old who has grown into one of the the top-3 100m women sprinters in India over the last two years.

"The coach will take care of physical technicalities. But it is my job to build mental fortitude. All these are basics, but I learnt about the importance of a positive mindset for an athlete a bit late. That's why I work on my mind extensively," confesses Sneha who belongs to an agricultural family from the village of Shanuvalli, Koppa taluk in Chikkamagaluru.

The Karnataka girl's relentless inner work has taken her from finishing between fourth and sixth positions to not missing a single 100m podium out of the seven domestic events she took part in 2025.

Entering the year after a good 2024 season, where she clocked her personal best of 11.41 seconds, Sneha began with a second-place finish at the Indian Grand Prix 1 in March with a time of 11.55s. She went on to win gold (11.79s) at the Indian Open Athletics Meet, bronze (11.62s) at the 28th National Federation Senior Athletics Competition, silver (11.60s) in both the India Grand Prix 2 and (11.63s) Indian Open Athletics Meet and bronze (11.61s) at the 64th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships. At her final domestic race, Sneha blazed to the finish line first by clocking 11.62s at the 64th National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi to end her year on a high. In between, a state championship gold (11.52s, electronic timing) was won after having equalled the state meet record of 11.30s (hand timing) in 2024.

Sneha SS

**SNEHA FACT FILE**

- Name: Sneha SS
- Age: 27
- **Personal best: 11.42 secs (legal, 100m) in 2024.**
- Achievements: Silver in 4x100m relay at the 2025 Asian Athletics Championships in Gumi, South Korea; Gold in 4x100m relay at 2025 Taiwan Athletics Open; Finished on the podium (2 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze) in all the seven national domestic meets she took part in 2025.

The icing on the cake, the runner says, was representing India for the first time at an international event and winning a medal. This was at the Asian Athletics Championships in Gumi, South Korea where she was an integral part of the 4x100m silver medal-winning team along with Nithya Gandhe, Abhinaya Rajarajan and Srabani Nanda. A week later in June, Sneha teamed-up with Nithya, Abhinaya and Sudeeksha Vadaluri to clinch 4x100m gold at the Taiwan Athletics Open.

"Yeah, finally. It was a dream come true to wear the India colours. Though my timings have been consistent throughout the season, I couldn't improve on my personal best. That will be the focus for 2026."

For someone who had to give up on her first love, long jump, due to an ankle issue that affected her take off from the board, Sneha has found her footing in the 100m dash. After Olympian Ashwini Nachappa and Commonwealth Games medallist HM Jyothi, Sneha is the new sprint queen from Karnataka. And the journey to claim the throne has been one of self-awareness.

"I'm the only child and was very pampered. I had a *bindaas* attitude... run to beat the boys and win first prize to enjoy the applause. Everything changes when things start becoming serious. When you taste success is when the fear of failure creeps in.

"Most times, self sabotage is our biggest enemy. I went through that phase too. But I learnt how to tackle and overcome it. I feel most proud of it today."

As a demanding new season approaches, the pages of Sneha's 'Dear diary' await to teach her new lessons through the writings about her life on the fast lane.

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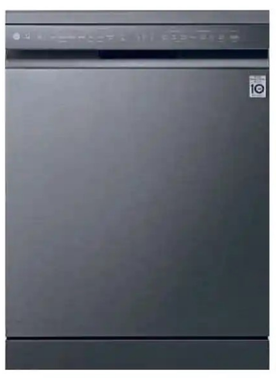

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# How to checkmate on turf

## Hockey stars learn chess moves to enhance tactical nous

Vivek Sagar Prasad (centre sitting), representing the Indian men's hockey team, faces former international chess player Prachura P Padakannaya (right) in a fun game at the Sports Authority of India in Bengaluru on Friday. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

**HITA PRAKASH**
BENGALURU, DHNS

The player holding fort of the four squares in the centre of a chess board often controls the course of the game. It is much like the mid-field area on a hockey pitch that binds the structure of the team together while dictating the proceedings of a match.

Though chess and hockey are different from one another in more ways than one, the striking similarities are also hard to ignore. To better understand such nuances, Craig Fulton, head coach of the Indian men's hockey team, invited former international chess player Prachura P Padakannaya for an interactive session to explain the correlation to the national team.

"When you think big picture, during every game there is a strategy associated with winning. And chess is so tactical that you can learn a lot of your moves," said Fulton at the end of one-hour interaction at the Sports Authority of India here in the city.

"We just wanted to link the two so the players get better at learning what patterns (on the field) look like so they can recognise it and know where to position themselves," explained the 50-year-old South African.

Following their successful Asia Cup campaign, where they lifted the title for a fourth time to earn a direct World Cup qualification, the team is back in the camp to begin preparations for a demanding year ahead.

Every step taken from here on will result in their performance at the World Cup, co-hosted by Netherlands and Belgium, and the Asian Games in Japan - both within three weeks apart. Aware of what lies ahead, Fulton and his men are leaving no stone unturned in strengthening every little aspect of their unit.

"We want to play a certain way. But if we have a wrong set-up or strategy from the beginning we cannot play that way. So this is the connection between hockey and chess. You have to start really well then the middle game becomes about the intelligence and the endgame is about finishing strong," pointed Fulton. After the hockey stars eagerly listened to Padakannaya's insights ranging from the importance of an opening move to creating a net against the opponents' pieces to close-in on their king for a checkmate, the chess master challenged one of them to take him on.

Vivek Sagar Prasad, the mindful midfielder of the current Indian side, was the team's chosen candidate. As all the members huddled around the 25-year-old facing the chess expert, it was Vivek who outsmarted Padakannaya in a quick battle on the chequered board!

## Himanshu breaks Neeraj's meet record; K'taka win three medals

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Haryana's Asian Youth Champion Himanshu Jakhar (**in pic**) booked his ticket to the World U20 Championships with a meet record at the National Junior Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar on Friday.

Himanshu hurled the javelin (700g) to a distance of 79.96m in the U-18 boys' qualification round, which was better than the meet record of 76.50m set in 2014 in Vijayawada by star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.

Meanwhile, Karnataka won three medals on the opening day of the event with Vaishnavi Rawal bagging a silver medal in the girls' U-20 1500m final. She lost the gold medal to Madhya Pradesh's Radha Yadav in a photo finish as both of them clocked 4:29.19 seconds.

The story was similar in the boy's U-18 100m final as Chiranth P took silver in a photo finish to Maharashtra's Aditya Pisal while the duo clocked 10.71 seconds. K'taka bagged a double medal in the event as Savin Thingalaya finished a close third at 10.81.

**Results: Boys: U-18: 100m:** Aditya Pisal (Mah) 10.71 seconds, Chiranth P (Kar) 10.71, Savin Thingalaya (Kar) 10.81.
**Girls: U-20: 1500m:** Radha Yadav (MP) 4:29.19, Vaishnavi Rawal (Kar) 4:29.19, Manju Choudhari (Raj) 4:30.93.

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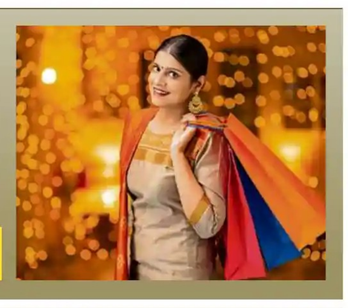

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Have you been avoiding coffee because you don't want the dairy part of it? **Ikyatha Usha Yerasala** has some coffee recipes that don't involve milk, are easy to make at home, and promise to captivate your senses

# Coffee you just cannot resist!

If you're a coffee aficionado and need to get your dose of caffeine every day but are a vegan, we've got some delectable dairy-free coffee recipes for you. Flavourful and easy to make, these delicious recipes are sure to give you a kick with their caffeine quotient.

## Iced Vegan Mocha Latte

**You need:**

- One cup of plant milk (almond, oat or soy)
- One shot of espresso or half a cup of strong brewed coffee
- One tablespoon of cocoa powder
- One tablespoon of maple or date syrup
- Ice

**Mix it right:**
Start off by mixing the cocoa powder and maple or date syrup with coffee until smooth. Add the plant milk and stir well. Pour over ice and relish it.

## Coconut Milk Cold Brew

This recipe is perfect for times when you want to enjoy something chilled on a hot day.

**You need:**

- Half a cup of cold brew concentrate
- Half a cup of coconut milk (full-fat for richness)
- One teaspoon of vanilla extract
- Sweetener
- Ice

**Mix it right:**
Mix all the ingredients in a glass, add ice and stir well. Your coconut milk cold brew is ready to indulge in.

## Vegan Dalgona Coffee

Do you remember the time everyone went gaga over this coffee during the Covid-19 lockdown? Dalgona Coffee, which originated in Korea, went viral a few years ago. Dalgona Coffee is a combination of equal parts of instant coffee, sugar and hot water.

**You need:**

- Two tablespoons of instant coffee
- Two tablespoons of sugar or coconut sugar
- Two tablespoons of hot water
- One cup of chilled plant milk (soy or oat works well)
- Ice

**Mix it right:**
Start off by whipping instant coffee, sugar and water until fluffy. Pour milk over ice and top with the whipped coffee, and enjoy.

## Spiced Vegan Coffee (hot or iced)

This flavourful coffee, a mix of warm spices and caffeine, is bound to entice your tastebuds.

**You need:**

- One cup of brewed coffee
- Half a cup of almond milk
- Quarter teaspoon of cinnamon
- A pinch of nutmeg and cardamom
- One tablespoon of maple syrup

**Mix it right:**
If you want a hot cuppa, you can heat everything together.

If you're looking for a chilled drink, shake it in a jar with ice, and relish it.

## Vegan Vanilla Iced Latte

This delectable and chilled drink is easy to prepare and refreshing too.

**You need:**

- One shot of espresso or half a cup of strong brewed coffee
- Three-fourths cup of oat milk, 1 tsp
- One teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1-2 teaspoons of maple syrup
- Ice

Prepare the drink by mixing all ingredients. Pour over ice and stir. Enjoy it.

# LEISURE

## Beetle Bailey

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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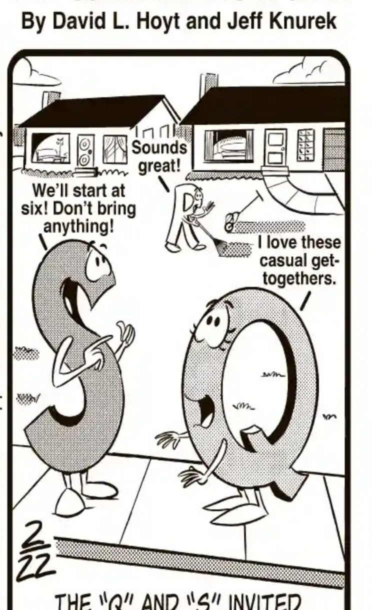


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answers: CUBIC EPOXY ADMIRE IMPOSE
The "Q" and "S" invited their mutual friend to the party and said — COME AS YOU "R".

## HITORI-117

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**SOLUTION for HITORI-117**

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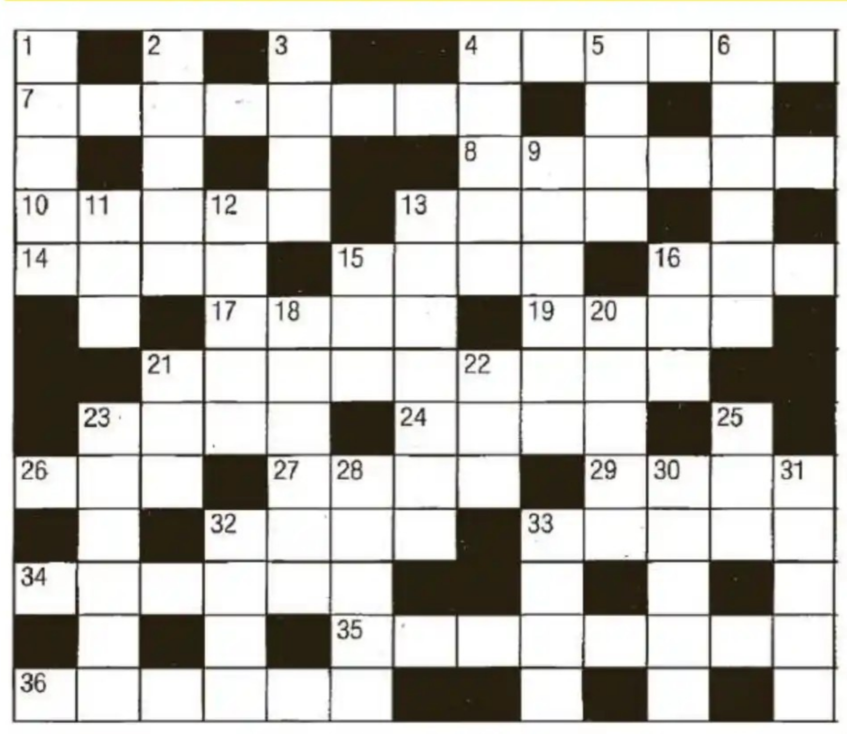
**To solve the puzzle:** Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 118



### EASY

**ACROSS**
4 Highly-spiced sausage (6)
7 Herb (8)
8 State without proof (6)
10 Fast (5)
13 Quarry (4)
14 Prophet (4)
15 Info (4)
16 Floor covering (3)
17 Operator (4)
19 Tot (4)
21 Fanciful hope (4,5)
23 Greek letter (4)
24 Pig's grunt (4)
26 Policeman, informally (3)
27 Monetary unit (4)
29 Muslim ruler (4)
32 Snakes (4)
33 Stage whisper (5)
34 Craftsman in wood (6)
35 Small decorative object (8)
36 Inn (6)

**DOWN**
1 Accumulate (5)
2 Man's name (5)
3 Twelve inches (4)
4 Well-kept (5)
5 Plant (4)
6 Large wine bottle (6)
9 Heavy and inert (6)
11 Spider's trap (3)
12 Apple, say (5)
13 Forgives (7)
15 Scottish river (3)
16 Tup (3)
18 Scanty (6)
20 Garden tools (5)
21 Vitality (3)
22 To free (3)
23 Colombian capital (6)
25 Offer (3)
28 Pinafore (5)
30 Skinflint (5)
31 Relaxes (5)
32 Poker stake (4)
33 Slightly open (4)

### CRYPTIC

**ACROSS**
4 His deliveries come in half dozens (6)
7 Eastern exit (4-4)
8 Prints wrongly, dash it! (6)
10 Clothing the drill sergeant may order? (5)
13 To the stern and lofty, it's a bit of a craft (4)
14 Dispatched some presents (4)
15 Forbids a bachelor to go to the Poles (4)
16 A large vessel or mug (3)
17 Neglect to order the thing (4)
19 With diplomacy, volunteers to go to court (4)
21 Timber vessel calling for special skill (9)
23 Powder used in dental cleaning (4)
24 Stop Henry coming to the worst conclusion (4)
26 Sly remark concerning archaeological activity (3)
27 Didn't need telling to keep fresh at the weekend (4)
29 Some of the higher ascents take ages! (4)
32 Was sorry about the rude noise (4)
33 Ron sets foot out of the van (5)
34 Is able to copy something with taste (6)
35 The police inspector's to crack the case, then vanish! (8)
36 Publication weakly imitated (6)

**DOWN**
1 Sounds of huts being built around Wood End (5)
2 Inexperienced at putting? (5)
3 Slips along for a wild kiss (4)
4 Beast with two offspring? (5)
5 Wrap carelessly, thus distort (4)
6 Name one enters wrong (6)
9 Like the order to stop, perhaps, to a learner (6)
11 Intrepid traveller? (3)
12 Seat possibly lost out of love? (5)
13 By the local repair man? (7)
15 Offer some dumb ideas! (3)
16 One's turn to work? (3)
18 A model of derision? (4,2)
20 Trying to get half a loaf with a bit of butter on (5)
21 Joker the dowager takes to heart (3)
22 Not well done by the inexperienced (3)
23 It's a speech and you can read it (6)
25 To him, the Fourth of July would mean a lot (3)
28 The poor, it's possible to deny out East (5)
30 Hardly the property of a loafer? (5)
31 Really soak, as with an overcharge (5)
32 Lordly status in cinema history? (4)
33 Safety device of help to a fathead (4)

### SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 118

**EASY**

**ACROSS:** 4, Salami 7, Marjoram 8, Allege 10, Swift 13, Prey 14, Seer 15, Data 16, Rug 17, User 19, Dram 21, Pipe dream 23, Beta 24, Oink 26, Cop 27, Rand 29, Emir 32, Asps 33, Aside 34, Joiner 35, Ornament 36,Tavern.

**DOWN:** 1, Amass 2, Ernie 3, Foot 4, Smart 5, Lily 6, Magnum 9, Leaden 11, Web 12, Fruit 13, Pardons 15, Dee 16, Ram 18, Sparse 20, Rakes 21, Pep 22, Rid 23, Bogota 25, Bid 28, Apron 30, Miser 31, Rests 32, Ante 33, Ajar.

**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS:** 4, Bowler 7, Hara-kiri 8, Sprint 10, Dress 13, Poop 14, Sent 15, BA-NS 16, A-SS 17, OM-it 19,TA-Ct. 21, Wood-craft 23,Talc 24, Hal-t 26, Dig 27, K-new 29, Eras 32, Rued 33, F-Ron-t.34, Can-ape 35, Di's-solve 36, Weekly.

**DOWN:** 1,Thu-d-s 2, Green 3, Skis 4, Bi-son 5, Warp 6, Ernest 9, Post-a-L 11, Rep 12, St-O-ol 13, Patched 15, Bid 16, Act 18, Mock-up 20, Af-ter 21, Wag 22, Raw 23,Tirade 25, Man(-y) 28, Ne-E-dy 30, Rolls 31, Steep 32, Rank 33, Fuse.

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## Festive Decor

### Floral bowls

Classic Diwali decor - floral bowls or urlis instantly uplift any corner. Fill them with water, add fresh marigolds, rose petals and floating diyas for a warm glow. A few drops of rose or sandalwood essential oil create a subtle fragrance that lingers. Place it near the entrance or living room for a welcoming vibe.

### Potpourri refresh

Revive old potpourri by spritzing it with a mix of water and a few drops of lavender, cinnamon or orange essential oil. Display it in crystal bowls, trays or small baskets. Not only does it release a warm festive aroma, but it also adds texture and colour to your decor theme.

# Hope After Heartbreak: Overcoming Recurrent Pregnancy Loss

Patience, testing and specific treatment will lead to pregnancy, explains **Dr Devika Gunasheela**, Fertility Specialist and Managing Director, **Gunasheela Surgical and Maternity Hospital**

For many women, the joy of discovering a pregnancy can turn into heartbreak with repeated loss. Recurrent pregnancy loss (RPL) is defined as two or more consecutive miscarriages. It is an emotionally-devastating challenge. While it often feels like a cycle of grief and fear, the right investigation and care can result in successful pregnancies. Even women who have had 7-10 miscarriages can eventually take a baby home. The key is to understand why it's happening instead of telling them to just 'try again'.

RPL can arise from a range of factors — genetic, hormonal, anatomical or immunological. Most early first-trimester losses are due to chromosomal abnormalities, which are nature's way of ensuring that abnormal pregnancies don't progress. Factors resulting in miscarriages in the second trimester are different, and include autoimmune disorders, blood clotting factors, thyroid and progesterone deficiencies, or cervical incompetence etc. Another factor causing miscarriages is Vitamin D deficiency, common in many Indians.

At Gunasheela Fertility Centre, the process begins with thorough testing - genetic analysis of both partners, hormonal evaluations and autoimmune panels. Sometimes, the immune system treats the embryo like a foreign body and attacks it. In such cases, identifying the antibodies early helps initiate preventive treatment before the next pregnancy.

Another often-overlooked cause is sperm DNA fragmentation. Smoking, consumption of alcohol and obesity in men can damage sperm DNA. There are specific tests available at Gunasheela Fertility Centre to check for DNA fragmentation. Similarly, obesity in women can worsen PCOS, which affects egg quality. Losing weight improves egg health and pregnancy outcomes.

Beyond medical intervention, we stress on lifestyle changes — avoiding processed foods, plastics and pesticide-laden produce, exercising regularly, and ensuring adequate folic acid supplementation at least three months before conception. Folic acid prevents neural tube defects in the baby. It's such a simple step but so often neglected.

Equally critical is the emotional and psychological care. A lot of counselling is a part of the treatment at Gunasheela Fertility Centre. Couples need direction - to know that they're moving towards a plan, not just waiting for luck to change. When they feel heard and supported, the healing begins.

Dr Devika Gunasheela
Managing Director
Gunasheela Fertility Centre

Every successful case is about perseverance. What moves me most is when a couple who once walked into my room defeated comes back years later with their child - smiling, thriving and thankful. Those moments remind me of why we do what we do.

What sets the approach here apart is the blend of science, technology and compassion. Each complements the other. Science alone cannot heal - patients must feel safe, cared for and understood. When they cry, they release so much pain, and that's when true healing starts.

For couples struggling with recurrent loss, the message is clear - do not lose hope. Surrogacy isn't the answer for RPL. You just need patience, testing and specific treatment. Hang in there and your time will come.

# Breast cancer is curable with early diagnosis, treatment

Aster CMI Hospital's **Dr Poovamma C U**, Lead and Head of Department – Breast Oncology & Oncoplasty and **Dr Darshan Patil**, Lead Consultant – Surgical Oncology, highlight the importance of awareness, early diagnosis, holistic treatment and prevention in the battle against breast cancer

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**Let's beat breast cancer**

"Listen to your body. Don't fear diagnosis. With early action and compassionate care, breast cancer is beatable."
**Dr Poovamma C U** *and*
**Dr Darshan Patil** *Aster CMI Hospital*

While October is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, at Aster CMI Hospital, the message goes beyond – it's about empowerment, empathy and education.

Dr Poovamma C U, Lead and Head of Department – Breast Oncology and Oncoplasty, Aster CMI Hospital, says stigma is still a major challenge. "Women are often embarrassed to even examine themselves. Talking openly about breast health helps remove the taboo. She stresses on the importance of self-awareness – knowing what is normal for one's body and being alert to any changes.

While awareness has increased significantly over the years, screening rates in India still remain much lower than in Western countries. "We now detect more early-stage tumours thanks to mammography," says Dr Poovamma. "But a large number of women still come in late because they assume a painless lump is harmless. Early detection makes all the difference."

### It can happen to anyone

Dr Darshan Patil, Lead Consultant – Surgical Oncology, Aster CMI Hospital, says, "Many believe breast cancer affects only older women or those with a family history. Nearly half of breast cancers in India occur in women under 50. Also, it can happen to anyone.

Dr Poovamma adds that misconceptions about symptoms can also delay care. "Women often think cancer must come with severe weight loss or fatigue. But early-stage breast cancer is usually painless. Sometimes, the only sign is a small lump or subtle change."

Both doctors urge women to be aware of key symptoms such as new lumps in the breast or underarm, changes in breast size or shape, unexplained discharge (especially if clear or bloody), skin dimpling, nipple inversion or persistent swelling.

### Screening is a life-saver

In India, the recommended age to begin regular mammogram screening for women at average risk is 40 years, with annual mammograms advised up to age 70. "For women with a family history or BRCA gene mutations, we suggest starting at 30, or 10 years earlier than the youngest case in the family," says Dr Darshan. "Since Indian women tend to develop breast cancer at a younger age compared to the West, these guidelines are crucial."

"Once a month, ideally after your period, stand before a mirror and observe your breasts with your hands up and down. Look for asymmetry, dimpling or skin changes. Then lie down and use the flat part of your fingers to feel for lumps or thickening, including under the arms", advises Dr Poovamma.

### Advanced treatment at Aster CMI Hospital

Breast cancer care has evolved dramatically, with modern treatments focusing on precision, aesthetics and quality of life. "We have moved from full mastectomies to breast-conserving surgeries using oncoplastic techniques that preserve both health and appearance," says Dr Poovamma. "Lymph node removal is also more refined now, preventing arm swelling."

Dr Darshan highlights Aster CMI Hospital's pathbreaking introduction of Intraoperative Electron Radiotherapy (IOeRT) – the first of its kind in Asia. "It allows us to deliver a precise radiation dose during surgery itself, reducing or eliminating the need for post-surgery radiotherapy."

New therapies such as antibody-drug conjugates, targeted medicines and immunotherapies personalise treatment for each cancer subtype.

### Hope, healing and emotional strength

For both experts, emotional and psychological support is as vital as medical treatment. "Breast cancer patients need empathy and reassurance that they are not alone," says Dr Darshan. "Counseling reduces stress and improves recovery."

Dr Poovamma says Aster CMI Hospital's holistic wellness team includes physiotherapists, nurses, and a breast cancer navigator – herself a survivor – who supports patients through their journey. "Sometimes, people process the diagnosis only after treatment ends. That's when counseling and survivor meetings help them regain confidence and move forward."

### Lifestyle, diet and prevention

"Breast cancer is increasingly seen as a lifestyle disorder," says Dr Poovamma. "Poor diet, lack of exercise, stress and obesity play a huge role."

Dr Darshan adds that adopting a balanced, anti-inflammatory diet such as the Mediterranean diet – rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats – can lower risk. "Regular exercise, sound sleep and stress management techniques like yoga or meditation are vital. Chronic stress affects immunity and hormonal balance, increasing cancer risk," he explains.

Both doctors emphasise that breast cancer is a curable disease when detected early. "Many women live full, healthy lives decades after treatment," says Dr Poovamma. "The key is not to delay diagnosis. Ignoring symptoms will only make it worse."

# Make-up for the parties

**Shilpi Madan has some tips to help you stay fresh and radiant through those long party hours**

Look pretty and poised with your make-up in place as the late-night parties set in closer to Diwali. Here is your guide.



### Base alert

If you have a relatively clear skin, opt for a concealer only and skip the foundation. Apply a dot of primer on clean skin, as this gives you a smooth canvas for make-up. Prefer liquid over sticks and powders.

Spot application on freckles and dark spots or acne scars first and then use your ring finger to gently work in a uniform application. Choose a lightweight formula. If getting ready for a day function, choose a tinted sunscreen.

### Go waterproof

It rains anytime, anywhere. Go prepared with water-resistant applications that won't run. Clean up the smudges by applying the concealer along your T-zone as this space tends to turn oily and shiny first.

A gentle top up with pearl translucent powder finishes the look after the light dust of rouge along the apples of your cheeks.

### Eye it

Always apply the eye make-up before you apply the foundation. This zaps away the drops of glitter eye shadow or powder eye shadow on the under-eye area. Prime your lids, apply the eye shadow in swift outward strokes, and follow up with a liquid eye liner. Finish off with a mascara.

Remember to comb your eyebrows upwards after filling them in with a charcoal eye shadow or a dark brown or deep grey kohl stick.

### Make-up caddy

Put a lipstick, a small perfume, a compact and a small comb or brush in your bag to touch up on the go. The lipstick can double up as a blush refresher. Stay fresh and radiant as the hours deepen into the party.

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# FESTIVE TIME

Create a special corner with backdrop for your guests to capture the party with friends

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## WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

### GET SET FOR THE PARTIES

The interior decor is as important as the menu when you host a party at home. This being the party season, it helps to revisit your home's interiors and spruce up if needed. Some basic tweaks in the decor can make a huge difference. Play the gracious host to the hilt.

### HYDRATION STATION

Set up a drinks station and bar in a convenient location away from the buffet table. Colour mocktails and juices draw your guests to the drinks station. Ensure relatively smaller glasses so they can indulge in more than one mocktail or juice. Ensure adequate ice and napkins through the party.

## Party Time

### Light Right

Lightning is a crucial factor. Use dimmers along with plenty of diyas. The diyas will create the festive ambience on the one hand, and give you the right amount of illumination on the other. Go for yellow lights rather than harsh white ones.

### DIYA CLUSTERS

Create bright corners with a cluster of diyas. These corners will create ambient lighting and also work as focal points. Place the diyas on a corner table or on shelves of a stand. It is advisable to avoid placing the diyas on the ground or even on a low table. They should be easily visible in the dim lighting.

### GOLD ACCENTS

There's nothing like a gold accent for a festive ambience. Furnishings with gold embroidery, serving trays and cutlery with golden lining and gold accents in objects of decor create a unique theme for your party. This shade also brings in a glam factor. Go for gold through the festive season.

### FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

This is the season for fresh flowers. Make flower vases a part of your decor. Use flowers such as marigold, rose and jasmine that are part of festive traditions. The floral fragrance around the home adds to the festive decor. Flower arrangements on the dining table add to the appeal of your festive buffet.

### Centre of attraction

A centre-piece is an absolute must if you have a large living room. It could be an indoor waterbody, statuette or even a grazing board. Ensure diyas and fabrics are a part of the centre-piece creation. Highlighting your centre-piece with spot lighting adds to the wow factor.

Bengaluru's high streets are brimming with shoppers with Diwali around the corner, says **Deepa Natarajan Lobo**

## Festive Shopping

On a breezy pink-hued October evening, Bengaluru's high streets are a riot of colour and sound. Strings of fairy lights twinkle above the crowded lanes, saree shops spill over with jewel-toned silks, and the fragrance of masala chai mingles with the sweetness of hot jalebis. Shoppers weave in and out, their arms laden with bags, their faces glowing with the unmistakable excitement of Diwali.

The same festive spirit spills over into the bylanes of all high streets. Here too, shops sparkle under fairy lights while carts brim with rows of diyas waiting to be picked. Diwali shopping is a crucial part of many people's rituals - whether it's planning outfits for the Lakshmi Puja, choosing fabrics for festive gatherings, or picking thoughtful gifts for loved ones. Every purchase carries with it a sense of celebration and joy.

For entrepreneur Jyotsna Yajman, the season is synonymous with silks. "I can safely call myself a saree addict," she laughs. "Every year, I indulge in purchasing grand Kanjeevaram sarees. For me, this ritual is more than just shopping - being the woman of the house, it's my way of preparing to invite Goddess Lakshmi into our home." Her festive shopping extends to her family as well - dhotis and kurtas for her husband and son, who, at 22, sticks to simple traditional wear for the festivities.

Reminiscing about her childhood, Jyotsna recalls how regal the Diwali celebrations once were. "The festival was all about buying crackers at local stalls with each one of us having our own share of them, carefully packed in separate bags. The whole house would be decorated with flowers and filled with diyas of every size. Today, I still love lighting lamps in every corner of the house. I send out dry fruits and diyas to loved ones".

For others, festive shopping is as much about nostalgia as it is about new purchases. Asha Ananth, an IT professional, recalls the joy of annual family outings. "When I was a kid, 'appa' and 'amma' would take us out shopping every year. We always bought the children's clothes from one particular store, and crackers from the Malleswaram Grounds. Those outings were full of excitement. Now, while I do some online shopping, I still make it a point to visit the high streets whenever I can. The sparkle and energy of these areas during Diwali is something else altogether."

The season brims with opportunity and energy for those on the other side of the counter too. Shrey Jain, who runs a family-owned fabric store with outlets across the city, says the trend this year has been particularly encouraging. "We've seen a noticeable increase in demand across all our stores. What's heartening is people are choosing fabrics that allow them to create something unique. Tissue embroidery, multicolour crepe, pure brocades and unstitched suits are especially popular. It shows people want to celebrate in style while adding their own personal touch to the celebrations."

From the rustle of silks and the shimmer of fairy lights to the flicker of diyas and the nostalgia of childhood cracker stalls, Bengaluru's festive streets capture the essence of Diwali. More than a shopping spree, it is a time when memories, traditions and the joy of togetherness light up the city.

# LIPSTICK THAT LASTS

**Shilpi Madan** explains how you can get your lipstick to last through those late-night parties

## Make up

Ever wondered how for some women, the lips stay gorgeous with lip colour throughout the party? You too can ace the lip stick application game with handy tips and let others rave about the untouched, immaculate look on your lips.

Here's your guide to lipstick that lasts:

Agent hydrator

Tend to your lips every day. Apply lip oil at night for a smooth, soft and supple look and feel. Use a gentle lip balm to stay moisturised, and a gentle lip scrub to wear away the dead skin.

### Base for all

Embrace your lips when you bring out the primer and foundation to even out the base as you begin to apply your make-up. This ensures a clean canvas for your lips before you begin to apply the lipstick.

### Line up

Bring in the lip liner to contour your pouters. If you have thin lips, move the liner just above your lip line. If you have full lips, then contour along your generous lip line. This will prevent the lipstick from straying beyond the earmarked 'boundary'.

### Apply matte

Choose a matte shade to run along the length and breadth of your lips. Fill in generously, two to three times. Focus more on the centre-inside of your lower lip as it is at this point that the wear-off happens first when you eat or drink. Remember to shape an 'O' with your lips and run the lipstick along this 'O' - all along the insides of your lips.

### Blot a bit

Take a clean tissue paper and place it in between your lips, and re-apply the lipstick to touch up the wear-off. This consolidates the colour on your lips. Also, if your chosen matte is a bit bright for your skin or occasion, this trick helps in mellowing it down.

### Follow up

This is the final touch. Gloss up for a fuller pout by bringing the lip gloss to top up. You have now layered cleverly using the lip liner, stick and gloss, with the initial primer and foundation to make the application stay.

Smile bright as your lipstick stays virtually untouched for hours and hours as you enjoy the festivities.

# Go for the 'Gram

**Shilpi Madan** has some tips to push up your style quotient through the festive season

## Make up

Nothing springs people into action faster than FOMO. As you dress up for the festive season, make way for Instagrammable inclusions in your appearance to Net in the likes. Here are your cues to stay abreast with the trends.

### Vibe on

Choose the vibe you wish to exude. From semi-formal to traditional to Indo-Western style to boho, play up the vibe through your choice of colours, fabrics and accessories. Make use of fresh flowers – in your hair or as floral jewellery – to make a mark with a simple, elegant saree or team up trousers with flowing asymmetrical cuts.

Sometimes a single inclusion like an ornate nath, a large maang tika, or a multi-coloured kada sets the tone.

### Bag in

Your clutch or tote must narrate a story. Whether a jute bag made with banana flowers or an apple skin wristlet, the size and vibe vary.

Designer Aprajita Toor brings in styles from tiny satchels to the showstopper bags weaving together the artistic legacies from around the world in a swish of drama, and craft with fabric patches. Designer Rachana Reddy speaks through her clutches in a combination of wood carvings, silk and leather. Designer Rashmi Dogra uses car paint to spray contours on wallets and bags.

### Pair up

Mix and match to create your own personal statement. From blazing bandhini that runs in easy silhouettes like kaftans to tulip pants paired with long floral shirts to corsets with draped skirts and slip-on gowns and dresses for easy movement and comfort for long wear. Play up with a nouveau shade of blue, a delicate streak of mustard and lime yellow.

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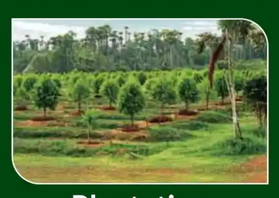
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